

# The Fuse

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It's coming from so far away  
It's hard to say for sure  
Whether what I hear is music or the wind  
Through an open door  
There's a fire high in the empty sky  
Where the sound meets the shore  
There's a long distance loneliness  
Rolling out over the desert floor  
And the years that I spent lost in the mystery  
Fall away leaving only the sound of the drum  
Like a part of me  
(It speaks to the heart of me)  
Forget what life used to be  
(You are what you choose to be)  
It's whatever it is you see  
That life will become  
Whatever it is you might think you have  
You have nothing to lose  
Through every dead and living thing  
Time runs like a fuse  
And the fuse is burning  
And the earth is turning  
Though the years give way to uncertainty  
And the fear of living for nothing strangles the will  
There's a part of me  
(That speaks to the heart of me)  
Though sometimes it's hard to see  
(It's never far from me)  
Alive in eternity  
That nothing can kill  
Oh Lord  
Are there really people starving still?  
Look out beyond the walls of Babylon  
How long will their needs go unfilled  
I want to say right now I'm going to be around  
When the walls and towers are crumbling  
(When the towers are tumbling down)  
And I will tune my spirit to the gentle sound  
(I want to hear the sound)  
Of the waters lapping on a higher ground  
Saying  
Yeah yeah