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# An Open Cage

And so there you were  
Floating alongside gravity  
Alongside gravity like air  
Floats alongside a telephone wire  
But not here, somewhere in the distance  
In the distant space of existence  
Persistent like reflections in vision  
Yeah, there you are  
Like a star burns in the night sky  
But different, yearning for expansion  
Willing to lap up the darkness to unite  
Gripping desperation like fire grips light  
Stars combust and sparks fly  
Consequence is a sight so bright  
All for life and freedom, ride

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# Beauty

She waits at home and thinks of flowers  
A child's innocence, she waits at home  
I found a friendship in an atlas  
A friendship like twin towers  
My darkness was so I could grow  
A dancing duet needs to know  
I've never seen a neater answer  
Than that which flows without any words  
My admiration to the sander  
A love that pounces like a panther on birds  
Why was I at home when the baker was  
I was there before I left because  
I went home to taste the blood  
Around a circle there are no squares  
Throughout the grapevine there are infinite pairs  
Only two were meant to fit on the stairs

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# Black Hole

The terror the doubt  
Reaching for meaning  
What is it all about

Caught in a daydream  
So far away  
Music of the mainstream  
Listening to the day

Unpredictable, head like static  
World on fire  
Life to impact it

Lost in the river  
Dead body on a boat  
Clinched to the side-bar  
To keep it afloat

Familiar with death  
Not ready to die  
Known is the quicksand  
Of living a lie

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# Challenges To Come

Duty to perfection  
Responsibility is such a loud complexion  
Everything will change  
Adaptation will take its' place

Screams of fury  
Not to be heard  
Desperation for purity  
Intensity is absurd

Rip to the guidelines  
Abide in precision  
Embrace the primetime  
Death is my lifeline

Agape to the gift  
Blood and desire in sift  
Oppressing the opportunity  
Empowering, the chance to live

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# Coward

Enemies surrounding me, praying for silence  
Armed with pride, arrogance, and limitless violence  
Ruthless aloofness pursuit, ignoring the sirens  
Negative introspection, decadent confidence  
Learning to rely on the Word of God and His providence

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# Going Beyond

Take me further because ive become amused  
Take me further because I'm sick of being confused  
Take me further because i like this path  
Take me so far it will be impossible to go back  
Break away, I like my new fixed broken days  
Come closure, settle down right here  
Come security, set up post and stay near.  
Come Lord and block the old me that I fear  
Ive heard a rumor that everything happens for a reason  
But i dont think that is true  
I watched you as you were leaving  
And I knew that it was true  
So as we all search for answers through so many questions  
And words come to us differently like we are put into sections  
I wonder what words will come to me the next time we intersect  
I wonder if the words will be....  
I wonder if the words will be correct

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# Grey And Black

Sade

Sade in the midst of pain

It's a whole lot better than going insane

In facing hard work, tend to complain

Sade, Sade

Problem make

Pleasure in your hands

For your own sake

Sade sade

Miser ability contending with misery

A bestial pursuit of the next best thing

Sade Sade

A foreign place

Corrupted from within

Only enjoy the chase

Sade sade

In freedom choose

Sodomize the precious life

You are scared to loose

Sade Sade

Unafraid of prison

Another platform upon which passions glisten

Tainted love

Black paint on a prism

Sade Sade

Stop, and dare just to listen

Sit, and satiate

Unable energy must permeate

At the proper rate

Goodbye

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# Humble In Tumble

This television got me feeling kind of egotistical  
my age got me seeing kind of cynical  
Myu honesty got me trapped in being physical  
Not to say that this is biblical  
but I hope it brightens pivotal  
Proof that I am not completely spiritual  
is not found it the fact that this is lyrical  
keep me humble in my tumpel when you hear my belly grumble  
I pray i stay without myself  
i want the thing I knew I felt  
held liable everytime i yell  
need a verse to ring a bell  
Just looking for a story to tell  
Keep me humble in my tumble when you hear my belly grumble  
Dont let me cause you to stumble  
Know theres something more  
Know its not your store  
love the life you live  
Embrace the thought you give  
But know its all a gift  
DO what makes your soul shift  
Keep me humble in my tumble when you hear my belly grumble

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# Infallibility

I saw the horizon  
A concrete road over the waters of my sin  
Contemplating whether to wait  
Or whether to begin  
If you think you've got it made  
You had better think again  
It's better to congregate  
Than to alone pretend  
That everything is fine  
And you can hold it all within  
Because they are not your enemy  
And I am not your friend

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# Inimate Eternal

Given from a lamp, Invisible  
Balance on a cloud, Provisional  
Trusted in a maze, Spiritual  
A new playmate, pivotal

A light-hearted waltz  
Forgotten all the faults  
A walk along by faith  
In he limelight all the praise

Hoping all the best  
A wanderer must confess  
The challenger, a game of chess  
A King inside my breast

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# Left Behind

Slaughter the present  
Everyone in dismay  
King becomes peasant  
Precision a fray

Rip through the memories  
The good times and bad  
Tossed to the ocean  
Never to come back

Images pristine  
Reality a dream  
The old ones consumed  
The search presumed

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# My Story, In Utero

I'm caught in this world of social media too  
Looking at all the amazing stuff  
And the things I'll never do  
Wandering how this all came to be  
So I'll take this back to the beginning  
Not of time or of Adam and eve  
Or even the beginning of me  
But just the beginning of Jackson  
Mississippi  
As irrelevant as it may be I have a need  
To tell this story  
From a safe haven  
A place suitable to step aside and raise a family  
To a city like my hometown  
A city where the streets are distressing and every weekend  
Seems hell bound  
I reach into the collective mind up in the sky  
Break away from the present and speak of a place  
Somewhere in the future  
In retrospect I find beauty and a muse  
But in the present I feel morbid, slowly dying  
Confused  
The cities' streets are lined with towering buildings  
Superseded with renovation and construction scaffoldings  
The largest are the banks and sky rise buildings that store the living  
And governmental associations of authority and power  
While the basements are crawling with the homeless  
That beg for shelter and food hour to hour  
Or hustlers that rampantly drive from places with prowess  
On a timeless chase of the American dream  
For money and praise and the same glory the buildings  
That tower proclaim to have gained  
An illusion, so many disillusioned by the faulty promise  
Or maybe the desire is the mere ability to pay homage  
To those respected and deserving to be honored  
The hearts that burn with passion to fashion a world more suitable  
The marines that endure hardships like the crucible  
And the outspoken beliefs of pride immutable  
A city where the roads embody the condition of its people

Rough and rigid with holes unfitting and unable to be properly filled in  
With rebellious clay and an underlying foundations that is constantly shifting  
In the shadows crack houses lurk and old building conjure  
Waiting for the next crowd to sing and dance the blues  
Or maybe go seek reprieve after a long, stressful, boring work week  
Missionaries committed to God's work and his mission  
Much more aware of the cities condition  
Than the individuals in power at the top of state buildings  
We try to escape the transmission  
Sitting, waiting, wishing for fulfillment  
Until then, we are like ingredients in an inflamed kitchen  
Ready to conduct business that is endless  
Freedom is ours, as long as we get permission  
You see I'm not quite the man I have been in other times  
Things have come and gone and my own integrity compromised  
Maybe if I joined the army I would have gained a fervent discipline  
My own peace outweighed the competitive nature and cultural will to win  
I am a master crafter of polarity, oppression, succession, I am the dividend  
American pride says we are the best, with infinite weaknesses  
We dare to confess, yet the strongest survive  
With all the glory and shame wrapped up combined  
They say that champions win from the inside  
But life is mostly lived on the outside  
Salvation is found in a balancing act of interdependence  
Primal beings conflict of interests contending  
Superficially offending, actually pretending  
To care, or even to really be there  
But the mind is but plastic  
Filled with bad habits and addicts living life  
Or not, scenes can be tragic  
The chase for true love, or entertainment and magic  
A superstar raised in the country condemning the city boy faggot  
Neglecting the gold produced by the burning  
The love and affection for which that child is yearning  
It's a conflict of interest, polarity disconcerting  
Never been intrigued with politics  
Nonetheless, a slave to it  
Greek gladiators, UFC Champions, and the presidential elections  
Categorizing frame of mind in political sections  
Just to see that Time is erased  
Just to know that the time will change  
Slow and steady wins the race

But in these wars there is no graceful pace  
Just the will to win  
I'd almost like to see Hilary just for something different  
The amazing feats of modern technology  
Transforming constantly, the nature and capacity of our biology  
Gratitude immense, sometimes breeding incompetence  
Innovation providing limitless providence  
The public stage challenging prejudice and intolerance  
While simultaneously challenging self-esteem and confidence  
Internal locus of control fostering self-reliance  
The limits of decadence producing needed confidants  
Bottomed out movements making pop-lock-and drop it dense  
Musterbation, intoxication, without any common sense  
The wheels on the bus fell off and they haven't made any profit since  
And now the children of the world are trying to give the prophet hints  
That which has been lost, will be recompensed  
Progression is the effect of what's considered pestilence  
Sometimes the difference can't be made by sight through the common lens  
But I digress  
Open wide to suck in the drama, if in fact the world is a stage  
Dig deep down to deal with the trauma, if the story endures the next page  
Imperative caution when bullets leave the barrel on a regular basis  
Gun shots in the air but you know they are not always faking it  
Wandering when one may fly through my window  
This is war so when you see me alone don't assume I roam solo  
I am Netflix, You're just Marco Polo

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# Nature, An Ode

If Nature could speak  
It would tell a different story  
Still, like wild roots and outstretched branches  
Vast waters at peace with sporadic ripple  
Birds chirp in the distance  
Steadily, then rapidly, then the multitudes triple  
Campers fill in between the trees like mansions  
Children frolic in the wisdom of their parents  
So far away from the slick city errands  
The water housing amphibian life and reflecting light from the solar system  
burning bright  
An equator just below the roots, an upside down reflection of the tree tops, dual  
sight  
Nature says, 'Enjoy with me and pleasantly exist with all the life  
A place to walk and be, friendly  
total reality, never pretending

Still life reflection in water casts shadow of expansive hawk in flight  
Ghastly releasing breath of life, the scent of living  
River flowing, water less clean, sunlight gleams in time, boats blow off steam  
Bubbles float atop the still surface  
The whole scene complete, wordless  
A subtle oceanic rippling sound known to aide many in sleep  
Due to Nature's eminence and limitless peace  
Current streaming in a revolving whirl wind, twirling in a timeless pirouette,  
again and again and again  
Tree trunks struck down and rotten like dead bodies lay upon the ground  
Mark of a human only, listen and hear the gas powered mechanical chain saw  
sound  
Excrement still, out here animals still get their fill  
In the wilderness evermore, I find an alternate home  
To witness what's not yet born, and what's already grown

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# Nature's Way

## Nature's Way

Explosive eruption metaphysical concoction miraculous design  
Out there's a black hole mystery, light years and centuries  
But there's a wonderful world inside  
This moment is forever so don't try to leave it all behind  
Structures of bones and of flesh so alive  
Differences magnanimous, in kind and in size  
Brutal consumption is just the way that creatures comply  
So don't be sad or wander why when it's your time to die  
Rushing's not a Russian, living takes time  
A true poor man dares' not sip from Livingston's wine  
Because he wonders round dying and knows that life without living is fine  
Living in sewers and gutters and corners to find  
That living in the purity of light is blind  
So take your pick  
Choose patience and peace  
To embrace a reality that you couldn't believe  
Inculcation of love  
Repetition and practice  
Embalming the whole being all over the atlas  
Believing and trusting through everything that happens  
Catholic means universal mind in latin

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# Never To Cease

Here I sit with eyes of water  
The nights grow longer and days grow hotter  
Never was a fan of Glee or of Harry Potter  
I didn't put a line out but still caught her

The explosion evolved  
Never to cease  
A problem to solve  
I was only a small piece

My heart is a catastrophe  
Solid and unstable  
Never grasping what's happening  
The tale of a fable  
Grown men stuck in a cradle

The explosion evolved  
Never to cease  
A problem to solve  
I was only a small piece

Traveling daylight  
Caught in a star  
Into the nighttime  
Souls tearing apart

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# Ode To Nature

Oh mother nature  
How sweet is your bosom  
Oh mother nature  
Your patience, an everlasting cushion

I look into your vastness  
Peer into your beauty  
Your inhabitants with classlessness  
Reverence in your majesty, sought truly

Destruction of the past, danger up ahead  
Contending with fear, suggest uprightness instead  
Capable to bring serenity and peace  
And to bring people to helplessness on their knees

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# Ode To Nature II

O great Master  
Ferociously observing  
From the sky, outer space  
Marvelously immense and faster  
Planetary conserving  
Fault and folly reset, erase  
Imprecise, Wild devastator  
Marbles condition and anthill teacher  
Gift to the human, overlord to the creature  
Clear expression of dominance  
Prides' motivator to obstinance  
God's beauty and terror  
For non-gods life seems fairer

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# Ode To Transcendence

Watch now, wild fires  
Concentrated, undisclosed desires  
Dissipate, flowing exhaust  
Lend, all you've bought  
Climbing ascent, behind the heart  
One above all, being a part  
Spiraling up, upward spiral  
Overwhelmed cup, love is viral

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# Ode To Transcendence II

Observing the bottom fall apart  
Gravity, reverses the start  
Alluring aura, settle for less  
Superego, strive to impress  
Rampant struggle, rise to progress  
Beings have fallen  
Forces are callin'  
Don't let the darkness come in to stay  
Don't let the beauty take you away  
Like the vine to the branches wrap around tight  
And eyes in the darkness, seek the light  
Champions rise to fight for each day

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# Paco

Joyous comrade, festivities in jest  
Chalice raised high among the crowd  
You gave it all your best  
Polarities brought war, a warrior does the deed  
Helplessly in chains, may loyalty meet your need  
Sickness, a feast; May sacrifice set you free  
Burdened and beaten, so low, and denounced  
Origins distraught, Conversion would make one renowned  
Wandering through chasms, dimensions of decadence  
Reconstructing the Beauty became a mandated precedence  
Adoration for outcasts which were once considered pestilence  
To all were you lost, devoted all to One  
Gaze unto creation, all conditions are undone  
Incompletely Broken in holy dependence  
Daily impoverished in a lifetime of transcendence  
There a son unraveled in divine communication  
A relationship of commitment to stir the nations for generations  
Without sin, there is no death  
Blessed with perfection through the last breath

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# Pictures

Picture yourself on a boat with no one else a board  
A beautiful day with the blue sea for miles in sight of the shore  
The skies overhead as blue as the water beneath  
The next moment as unpredictable as a leaf that falls from a tree  
Dont know when its gonna fall or where its gonna land  
Dont know where your going to go or the next task youll have at hand  
All you will have is memories and the decision when you get back  
What will your life be like in the future compared to what its been in the past  
The sorrows you've come across and the ones youve loved throughtout  
The ones you cant live with and the ones you cant live without  
Picture yourself in a room with your favorites all around  
The ones youd want to accompany you when you've been down  
Those that can creat a smile from a bad mood and a frown  
When they speak you cant imagine a better thought or better sound  
Theres a great light in the frame of every picture  
These are the pictures I'd draw if I wanted to be with you quicker

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# Random Thoughts

Cautious, cautious,  
Nonsense weekly precautions  
The effects of someone being nauseous  
Chemicals and bacteria poisoning the water in my facet  
Slowly, slowly  
Ghost's row glowing  
The fragility of knowing  
Seeds planted while sowing  
Death is just a part of growing  
Mini mouths are wind blowing  
Steady, steady  
The storm comes before you are ready  
Miniscule matters, details get so petty  
Calmness in a mosh pit with a lefty  
Security in the sufferance you're dreading

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## Rm 520

God's law was given so that all people could realize how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

Romans 5: 20

Wayward heart, distant, torn apart  
Self-interested desire, wickedness, inspire  
All to glory, inferior, eternal  
A life incomplete, never quite fulfilled  
Self-deserving defeat, sabotage instilled

In the reservoir, a perceived catastrophe  
In the hemisphere, desperation sought relief  
Happily, morality, determinant relevancy  
Comfort, lascivious framework, unexplored ability

Brilliant minds, interdependently, harmoniously unite  
Supernova, majestic, marvelously colorful and bright  
Incessant joy, perfectly creative  
Concrete reality, endlessly imaginative  
Multicultural, Multidimensional, mosaic complexity  
Community, Liberty, Unrestrained expressive Masterpiece

Negligence, allowance, stagnancies, Arise  
Exhaustive Endurance, holistic humility, from such great a height  
Unnecessarily collaborative, yet mutual insights ignite  
Simplicity, servility, Estranged normalcy, Friendship on a Saturday Night  
Heavenly suspension, Falling in gravity, dissension, Perfectly capable ascension  
in Jesus Christ

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# Rolling Stone

She came in like a rolling stone  
Come to collect my debt and take it back on home  
I got mine about a mile away, and I'm convinced this is not her day  
Have you no respect for the words I say?  
Oh she was tattered and torn, beaten, then killed  
Because she interjected upon the way in which we'd get our fill  
Oh my rock, oh wander, foundation  
Cushion and support from the worlds discrimination  
How beyond my comprehension you are  
I am the night and you are my star.

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# Supporting Disturbia

A coward may enter The House and slaughter innocent worshippers  
His power may be driven with a lie  
bet the loved ones are at paradise in the sky  
While the slaughter is taking a much more eternal and brutal form  
May repentance be the song  
The song for us all  
May we be given love  
To answer Love's call  
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# Take Me Home

Take me home  
Where the spirit is flowing  
River of laughter  
Clatter and sowing

Take me Home  
Where the sky's the foundation  
With fists in the air  
And a belly full of proclamation

This is the time  
The time is now  
the question is not when or why  
but how

Take me home  
where the spirit is flowing  
River of laughter  
Clatter and sowing

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# The Wind's Baby

I am the thoughts that noone cares about

I am the songs that you cant do without

I am the cause behind every shout

I am the tangy taste of sour crout

The wind is a balloon with a present inside, it dissipates every fine line  
characterized and it searches every doo-da-dum behind your eyes

Where will it be the road so steep, teeter totter in the creek look and mention to  
the meek Tap and dance to the war within Greek walk slowly glowin' down the  
street Stand holly rollin right above your feet Break through and take it all but  
dont compete A thought can shatter both steel and concrete and i hate to love  
you messing with me

No need to trick who you're pretending to be

I know we all know when you're singing for free

The wind is a baloon with a present inside, it dissipates every fine line  
characterized, and it searches every doo-da-dum behind your eyes

Tic-Toc time is not a clock but a memory It's ok to find some peace in a friend  
you see It goes up and it soars then it anchors down when you bleed

Love Love, care care, might stare, its not fair is all you need

capture, contemplate, separate, saturate, liberate a tiny seed

The wind is a baloon with a present inside, it dissipates every fine line  
characterized, and it searches every doo-da-dum behind your eyes

When I stagnate and dissappear I watch your fear

Remember surrender I am never near, but follow me joyfully as I open up your  
career

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## Two Paths

Two paths diverged in the woods  
And I thought to myself in order to clarify the distinction  
The time had come when it was time to act instead of think when  
Contrasting what I should with what I could do, comparing them to what I would  
do  
I knew my heart was deceived then  
My dedication to the perfection has a broken core  
So I took the same goddamned pitiful path that I had taken before

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# White

Eternal life  
Goodness, a wife  
In darkness, a light  
All of the time  
To get it right  
Insight becomes bright  
Infused to fight  
With spirit and might  
From terror and vice  
Diseases and lies  
With appropriate pride  
A knight on a ride  
Victory in stride  
River on the inside  
Waterfall on the side  
A chance for purity alive  
Remember the day  
The shadows died.

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# Why

I saw a man beg for help as his life came to be  
I saw a woman ask for mercy as she fell to her knees  
I saw a young boy grow up changing all his ways  
I saw the same man pray to God for his daughter to come back  
I saw a family reunited picnic in the fields  
And from the roots of many trees came the stems that bared the fruits  
And from the fruits that they all lacked came the gifts that they needed most  
Till this day they keep a pact that there old habits wont cause them to choke

They don't know how they got that way  
Why everything was so hard  
Why the things they chose not to say  
Were the things that broke them apart

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