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Transformed

My body transformed From grace to a stone From a snake to a snail From a house to a jail

My body transformed From leaves to a tree Cut down too soon From a jail to a tomb

All Things New

I don't want to fight that long
I don't want to fight that hard
I'm tired of living in a tragic world
Never getting off this road
I don't have the strength to show
I want to go to the grocery store
Even though I know I'm wrong
I don't want to fight at all

The money didn't last that long
Thought that we were past that one
Never thought I'd hear you say
Never thought I'd see the day
For everyone it's all the same
Fearing what you cannot change
Waiting for the ground to thaw
I don't want to wait at all

I am making all things new...

Help me feel like nothing's wrong Make me see the light is on Show me that I'll be OK Tell me what I cannot say Always running in reverse I always know the ending first Even though I know I'm wrong I don't want to fight at all

I am making all things new...

(I am making all things new)
(Only thing I ask of you)
(Just believe that this is true)
(Believe that I am going to)
(I am making all things new)
(Only thing I ask of you)
(Just believe that this is true)
(Believe that I am going to)

Purifier

Purifier, Purifier, Take this fear from me Take this fear from me

Purifier, Purifier, Take this weight from me Clean my body and make make me free

Purifier, Purifier, Mend the love that I've thrown I can't fix it on my own

Purifier, Purifier, Make me familiar with defeat Always standing on my knees

Purifier, Purifier, Show me it doesn't have to be so hard No fences between the yards

Purifier, Purifier, Take this fear from me Take this fear from me

Warning

How long have you said you tried? A grown man without a hand to hold on to I see myself in every move you make But I try, I try to change myself along the way Not like you

I know it's a warning for me...

If someone asks me if I'm alright I'm always fine and I never cry I finally know what I'm running from To be un-understood and hard to love Don't I know...

I know it's a warning for me...

Life Half Lived

You're not a man
You're still a kid
And what you're looking for you don't understand
You can't understand
It's easy to say
It takes a lot to know you're weak
I can relive every failure and not be ashamed
You won't make me feel ashamed

I'm done losing every time
You won't hurt me anymore
I've given everything
I do all the work
There's no time left in my life
I can't love you anymore
I can't carry you forever from the place you were before
It's not what I'm here for

He won't remember
It's as simple as that
But he'll know that you weren't there
And you can't go back
No you can't get back
What you destroy is greater than you
A life half lived for a life renewed
But It's not for you

It's not for you to choose We're asking you to give us proof

That the love you say is real Isn't just there when you want it on I'm going to think about you when I think about you But other than that, you're just gone

It gets hard to love you after so many lies It's not my job to change you It's just my job to try

I'm done losing every time
You won't hurt me anymore
I've given everything
I've done all the work
There's no time left in my life
I can't love you anymore
I can't carry you forever to the place we were before
I won't walk back through that door

When I Think Of You

I can't think straight anymore
I can't think straight anymore
Whether it's money or my body or a building or somebody needing something
I can't be here anymore
Every time I think I get ahead, I get brought to my knees
I hate that this is hurting you, but this is happening to me

But when I think of you I'm calm When I look into your eyes I feel calm

I want to be boring again
I want to feel comfortable in my skin
How can I look you in the eye, say I'm doing fine, I know I'm lying
I don't need reminded again
Everything I try to fix just breaks
I feel like I'll never be at rest
No matter how much that I pay, I owe
The weight's still hanging from my chest

But when I think of you I'm calm When I look into your eyes I feel calm

All my friends they came by yesterday But I don't the reason No I don't know the reason All this love I'm receiving today But I can't find the feeling No I can't find the feeling

I saw his face
I looked away
I knew his name
I knew his name
The words were clear
His face the same
I felt ashamed
I felt ashamed

But when I think of you I'm calm When I look into your eyes I feel calm When I think of you I'm calm

Never Understand

Glad I finally realize that I'll never understand

That I'll never be a father

That I'll never hold the hand

Of my first child

That I'll never see the plans

That won't work out

And I have no doubt

That I'll never understand

Glad I stopped believing it'll all fall in my hands

That it may not work

That sometimes it can't

That "What's next?" is a question

And that's better than a command

It'll take a few days

But I think I'll be OK

Knowing that I'll never understand

Now I finally see what it is to be a man

It's OK to be wrong

To not know the end

That my own weakness is the ground on which I stand

I may not have a clue

So I'll never try to tell you

Anything except I don't understand

Because I'll never understand

Never Was Alone

I try to fight the bitterness and hate that I feel everyday For every gift received with a fist in the face My eyes are blurred and I can't see too far ahead But I don't want to be able to see all the way to the end

But I never was alone at night...

I think it's OK for us to say that we've been put through a lot That most things are out of our control and we still have further to fall Before we hit the ground and see just exactly what we lost The hardest times can often bring us closest to love

But I never was alone at night...

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Look into the eyes that you hate While seeking a path towards change Treating the worst like a friend The loss of what could've been

Sitting by the window looking out Choosing to speak rather than shout To care instead of to curse There's no room to make this worse

The yellow of the leaves in the woods The deer on silent hooves I heard them say to me They all reminded me

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