

For a Dream

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I picture us together
Framed in gold neat
On the mantle with the others
One big happy family
But that snapshot can't be found
And I don't trust my memory

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I imagine we are gathered
But this time no dressed in black
There's laughing and smiling
Not stabbing in the back
But it's too good to be true
And too bad I still recall the screams

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I keep half the picture
Mostly in my mind
Mama dressed in white
Ripped where she held your hand
Showing no signs of age
Just slightly frayed along the seam

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It's alright
And that I can claim
It's alright
And it will have to do
It's alright
Better than the pain
It's alright
Better than the truth
It's alright
Alright for a dream
It's alright
Better that fate and the grand scheme
It's alright
It's alright

For Christmas and for New Year
I wish and I resolve
But I'm disappointed by myself
Jesus and Santa Claus
I want to believe
She's been saved
And he's been redeemed

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