

## Exist

## Avenged Sevenfold

Our truth is painted across the sky  
In our reflection we learn to fly  
No hand to hold us  
No one to save us from tomorrow

Sailing away, beyond the reach of anyone  
Far beyond the dreams of everyone  
No light to follow  
A shot in the dark  
Does anybody know?  
Sailing away, beyond the reach of anyone  
Far beyond the dreams of everyone  
High from the heavens  
I can't see the pain  
Does anybody care?

Think for a moment of all the lives  
Stripped of their essence before their time  
We stand to conquer  
But is there nothing left tomorrow?

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"We have one collective hope: the Earth. And yet, uncounted people remain hopeless, famine and calamity abound. Sufferers curl themselves into the arms of war; people kill and get killed in the name of someone else's concept of God. Do we admit that our thoughts and behaviors spring from a belief that the world revolves around us? Each fabricated conflict, self-murdering bomb, vanished airplane, every fictionalized dictator, biased or partisan, and wayward son, are part of the curtains of society's racial, ethnic, religious, national, and cultural conflicts, and you find the human ego turning the knobs and pulling the levers. When I track the orbits of asteroids, comets, and planets, each one a pirouetting dancer in a cosmic ballet, choreographed by the forces of gravity, I see beyond the plight of humans. I see a universe ever-expanding, with its galaxies embedded within the ever-stretching four-dimensional fabric of space and time. However big our world is, our hearts, our minds, our outsize

atlases, the universe is even bigger. There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on the world's beaches, more stars in the universe than seconds of time that have passed since Earth formed, more stars than words and sounds ever uttered by all humans who have ever lived. The day we cease the exploration of the cosmos is the day we threaten the continuing of our species. In that bleak world, arms-bearing, resource-hungry people and nations would be prone to act on their low-contracted prejudices, and would have seen the last gasp of human enlightenment. Until the rise of a visionary new culture that once again embraces the cosmic perspective; a perspective in which we are one, fitting neither above nor below, but within."