

# The Fifth Extinction

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Through their eyes we will see  
With their hands we will create  
In their world we will be free  
With our minds we'll shape their fate

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A glimmer of hope lights up our lives  
Visions of the past, dreams forsaken  
Forming right before our eyes  
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Through their pain we'll learn to live  
Remember all life has to give

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We're alive! So alive!

I see a planet, perfect for our needs  
Behold our target, a world to plant our seeds  
There must be life, first remove any trace of doubt!  
They may all die, don't you think we should check it out?  
We have no choice, we waited far too long  
This is our planet, this is where they belong  
We may regret this, is this the way it's supposed to be?  
A cold execution, a mindless act of cruelty!

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I see mainly reptiles, a lower form of intelligence  
Mere brainless creatures with no demonstrable sentience  
What makes us superior, we did not do so great ourselves!  
A dying race, imprisoned in restricted shells

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