## Stranger

**Counterparts** 

Your ghost holds me close As I'm ravaged by the solitary that surrounds my former home Use me until you've spent the rest of my remains And then try to validate your actions Cursing every empty vein That used to be inhabited by your impression

Paralyze me To ensure I have no chance of knowing the feeling of affection It's no secret that I've shed the common decency That appoints the world with the burden of devotion to our kin I gave you everything I had and the world has left me exhausted

(So make me feel)
So make me feel something
Anything that might change my mind
As worthless as I am, I know that I still serve a purpose
To leech off the light and absolve my insignificance

Lay me to rest Lay me to rest inside of a glass casket So you can remember me with a smile on my face Adorning me in my own failures So you can count them as you stand above my bones

I wish I were a better man I am a coward masked in courage And just admitting this will not save me this time So free me from my tired mind And let me learn the difference Between a single tear and the runoff of an ocean Weak and weary from my predatory nature So bless me with abandonment in my greatest time of need

Let me carry on knowing that I could never truly face my reflection It's much easier to caress the broken glass (broken glass) Though if I accidentally catch a glimpse of myself in the shards I will put my faith in the shrapnel to correct my vision

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