

Empty Cages

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Waiting in the wings your courage sings
Before you falter
It's just another way to say
What's there but never shows

It's just another day to lay
Your sins before the altar
And where it's going to end
This time around nobody knows

Every time it seems
That you have gained an understanding
Those devils at your heels
Reach up and try to tip the scales

Waking from a dream
You see it's all been
Done without you
And every vain attempt to make it stay
Is destined to fail

Fury rages through your restless days
Shades of time that's gone before
Empty cages where the prisoner plays
'Til the door swings closed behind for evermore

Evermore
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Long before we come of age
We yearn to leave the garden
And wrestle with a myth
The hand of fate has faintly drawn

But somewhere on the way
We feel our hearts begin to harden
And see just as we learn to turn around
The garden is gone

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