

A Nightmare to Remember

Dream Theater

A nightmare to remember
I'd never be the same
What began as laughter
So soon would turn to pain

The sky was clear and frigid
The air was thick and still
Now I'm not one to soon forget
And I bet I never will

Picture for a moment
The perfect irony
A flawless new beginning
Eclipsed by tragedy

The uninvited stranger
Started dancing on his own
So we said goodbye
To the glowing bride
And we made our way back home

Life was so simple then
We were so innocent
Father and mother
Holding each other

Without warning
Out of nowhere
Like a bullet
From the night

Crushing glass
Rubber and steel
Scorching fire
Glowing lights

Screams of terror
Pain and fear
Sounds of sirens
Smoke in my eyes

Sudden stillness
Blackened silence
No more screaming
No more cries

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Cold and afraid
Torn up and broken
Frightened and dazed

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Lying on the table

In this unfamiliar place
I'm greeted by a stranger
A man without a face

He said, "Son do you remember?"
"Do you even know your name?"
Then he shined a light into my eyes
Said, "Take this for the pain."

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Bathing in beautiful agony
I am endlessly falling
Lost in this wonderful misery
In peaceful sedation
I lay half awake
And all of the panic inside starts to fade
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"Tell me does this hurt you?"
Said the faceless man
"Can you move all of your fingers?"
Can you try your best to stand?"

I asked about the others
"Is everyone ok?"
He told me not to worry
As he turned and looked away

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Day after day
And night after night
Replaying the events
Did they ever see the red light?
Over and over
Scene by scene
Like a recurring nightmare
Haunting my dreams

How can you prepare
For what would happen next?
No son should ever
have to see his father such a mess
It's a miracle he lived
It's a blessing no one died
By the grace of God above
Everyone survived

Life was so simple then
We were so innocent
It will stay with us forever
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