

# Repentance

Dream Theater

Hello, mirror  
So glad to see you my friend  
It's been a while...

Staring at the empty page before me  
All the years of wreckage running through my head  
Patterns of my life I thought adorned me  
Revealing hurt for shame and deep lament

Overwhelming sorrow now absorbs me  
As the pen begins to trace my darkest past  
Signs throughout my life that should have warned me  
Of all the wrongs I've done for which I must repent

I once thought it better to regret  
Things that I have done and haven't

Sometimes you've got to be wrong  
Learn the hard way  
Sometimes you've got to be strong  
When you think it's too late

Staring at the finished page before me  
All the damage now so clear and evident  
Thinking 'bout the dreaded task in store for me  
A bitter fear at the thought of my amends

Hoping that the step will help restore me  
To face my past and ask for forgiveness  
Cleaning up my dirty side of this unswept street  
Could this be the beginning of the end?

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Things that I have done and haven't

Sometimes you've got to be wrong  
Learn the hard way  
Just when you're through hanging on  
You're saved

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.  
We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.  
We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.  
We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.  
No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.  
That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.  
We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.  
Self-seeking will slip away.  
Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.  
Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.  
We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.  
We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among

us - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

You're only as sick as your secrets, but the truth shall set you free.

The truth is the truth, so all you can do is live with it...