

# The Glass Prison

Dream Theater

## I. REFLECTION

Cunning, Baffling, Powerful  
Been beaten to a pulp  
Vigorous, Irresistible  
Sick and tired and laid low  
Dominating, Invincible  
Black-out, loss of control  
Overwhelming, Unquenchable  
I'm powerless, have to let go

I can't escape it  
It leaves me frail and worn  
Can no longer take it  
Senses tattered and torn

Hopeless surrender  
Obsession's got me beat  
Losing the will to live  
Admitting complete defeat

Fatal Descent  
Spinning around  
I've gone too far  
To turn back round

Desperate attempt  
Stop the progression  
At any length  
Lift this obsession

Crawling to my glass prison  
A place where no one knows  
My secret lonely world begins

So much safer here  
A place where I can go  
To forget about my daily sins

Life here in my glass prison  
A place I once called home  
Fall in nocturnal bliss again

Chasing a long lost friend  
I no longer can control  
Just waiting for this hopelessness to end

## II. RESTORATION

Run - fast from the wreckage of the past  
A shattered glass prison wall behind me  
Fight - past walking through the ashes  
A distant oasis before me

Cry - desperate crawling on my knees  
Begging God to please stop the insanity

Help me - I'm trying to believe  
Stop wallowing in my own self pity

"We've been waiting for you my friend  
The writing's been on the wall  
All it takes is a little faith  
You know you're the same as us all"

Help me - I can't break out this prison all alone  
Save me - I'm drowning and I'm hopeless on my own  
Heal me - I can't restore my sanity alone

Enter the door  
Desperate  
Fighting no more  
Help me restore  
To my sanity  
At this temple of hope

I need to learn  
Teach me how  
Sorrow to burn  
Help me return  
To humanity  
I'll be fearless and thorough  
To enter this temple of hope

Believe  
Transcend the pain  
Living the life  
Humility  
Opened my eyes  
This new odyssey  
Of rigorous honesty

Serenity  
I never knew  
Soundness of mind  
Helped me to find  
Courage to change  
All the things that I can

"We'll help you perform this miracle  
But you must set your past free  
You dug the hole, but you can't bury your sole  
Open your mind and you'll see"

Help me - I can't break out this prison all alone  
Save me - I'm drowning and I'm hopeless on my own  
Heal me - I can't restore my sanity alone

### III. REVELATION

Way off in the distance I saw a door  
I tried to open  
I tried forcing with all of my will and still [NOTE: the "and" is actually ]  
The door wouldn't open [replaced with "but" in this line]

Unable to trust in my faith  
I turned and walked away  
I looked around, felt a chill in the air  
Took my will and turned it over

The glass prison which once held me is now gone ["now" is not heard in this  
line ]  
A long lost fortress  
Armed only with liberty  
And the key of my willingness

Fell down on my knees and prayed  
"Thy will be done"  
I turned around, saw a light shining through  
The door was wide open