Pelican of the Desert

Every Time I Die

Server the nerve The skin The scale Gather your bones from beyond the pale Come out of the wild and into the world Burn all the books Put out your eyes Lower your sword the end is nigh Sink through the pinewood and into the dirt Out of your body and into the sky Out of your body and into the sky Give in Voices will carry us Turn around. Find your way back to the start. Love is the way Love is the only way Love is the only way out Love is the way Love is the only way Love is the only way out Don't freeze up in the headlights Welcome it in Walk through the storm to the eye The birth will be calm The birth will be quiet But the dark had such long arms Pulling me down Sliding back into my head Where all of it is thought without awareness Where there is no foresight only pertinence I could scratch at the door But I will never get in So I rise above or I sink below So I rise above or I sink below Either way I am false At the center is all I tripped up at the breakthrough I was scared to die So the gate locked The light vanished Now where am I? I was startled by the great height I doubted my heart Now the wine turns to water I am coming apart