## **Fixed and Dilated**

Exxplorer

I can taste my own venom In the back of my throat I've kept it hidden As long as I could

The angry child inside me Baptized in gentility Was raised on cruelty In a violent world

The urge to kill still tickles Like a maggot that wiggles In the skin of a kitten And these words that I've written Won't deaden the nerve

You don't look blind And yet you wonder why We are this way It's as plain as the blood in our veins

I have always turned the other cheek As though the face I'd strike, Would be my own

And all the fists that I've denied Conspire against my gentle side When mercy leaves I am diseased A plague of rage come over me

Are we here to pray for each other? Or are we here to prey on each other?

On each other? For each other?

Bloody And Unfocused

All my anger And hatred Once turned inward Now spun outward

A tornado of shattered glass Bloody and unfocused

If you think For one minute You can overlook me, You are wrong

Through music, Through art Or through violence I will not be ignored

I would rather empty a clip

Into your brain And then mine Than walk away from this Without satisfaction

Did you hear me? I would rather kill you Than walk away from this Without satisfaction