

# Ribcage

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Living in the darkness  
I wear it like a crown  
Oh I've got tough skin  
Ready for my bow  
All I've got is two hands  
I tied them in the middle  
Ready for the red tape  
Open up my ribcage

I offer souvenirs  
A deaf tongue and blinded ears  
Can you fill the shelves in here  
Come in, come in

Everybody look around  
Everybody look around  
I don't know how to fill the space  
The invitations on the page  
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I want you want to want me like I'm all you got  
Mama she see it but can't make me stop  
Telling the truth it might mean you keep poking but that didn't hurt  
That's my method of coping  
Daughter sees him like that smoke in my lungs  
What they project on me what I've become  
Down on my knees, unsure what to say  
No I never learned how to pray

Don't know know who I've been fooling but you've got me running in circles I  
'm ruined  
Let you inside, opened up all my wounds  
Taken my ribcage and ripped it in two

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Tie it from my tendons  
Watch how they stretch  
Oh I've got the muscle  
Lord I'm spent  
Knocking down my sternum  
Again, at a young age  
Too much space between  
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There's impenetrable silence inside of my head  
There's nothing I can buy when I'm practically dead  
I get so tired of writing everything I should have said  
That maybe this time I'll put my pen down and just tell you instead  
You see I opened up my ribcage and violins flew out  
The organs softly played through my violin mouth  
I got lights hotter than love hidden beneath my tongue  
Written on my skin  
Tells me your the one

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