

# I Could Have Been You

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Take, take a look at the sky  
Sometimes your heaven seems so far away  
Take, take a look under here  
Where deprivation turns into decay  
I've stood under this rain  
Felt it seep into my brain

I've shut my eyes and crawled around this mud  
I'm scared of growin' old  
I shiver when I'm cold  
Don't you think I bleed the same blood

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Wait, wait before you turn off  
Maybe there's a chance we can relate  
Wait everybody turns on  
Why deny a fact that's so innate  
It's not so easy anymore  
The way you used to keep score  
Not so black and white the color of your sin  
Take a walk inside my shoes  
A path I didn't choose  
Spend the night inside of my skin

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Change is turning into fear  
Fear is melting into hate  
With hate you justify your crime  
A crime compassion can erase  
Erase erase

Touch, touch what I feel  
And know I believe everything I say  
So go, go if you must  
Remember one thing as you walk away

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