

# Silent Legacy

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Why did you steal the matches  
From the one room motel  
Once they gave you answers  
Now they give you hell  
They will never understand  
They wonder where did they go wrong  
How could you be so selfish  
Why can't you get along

And as you pray in your darkness  
For wings to set you free  
You are bound to your silent legacy

You've seen it in the movies  
And you've heard it on the street  
Craving the affection  
Your blood is full of heat  
They don't listen to your reasons  
As original as sin  
Deny all that you feel  
And they will bring you home again

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Your body is alive  
But no one told you what you'd feel  
The empty aching hours  
Trying to conceal  
The natural progression  
Is the coming of your age  
But they cover it with shame  
And turn it into rage

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You are digging for the answers  
Until your fingers bleed  
To satisfy the hunger  
To satiate the need  
They feed you on the guilt  
To keep you humble keep you low  
Some man and myth they made up  
A thousand years ago

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Mothers tell your children  
Be quick you must be strong  
Life is full of wonder  
Love is never wrong  
Remember how they taught you

How much of it was fear  
Refuse to hand it down  
The legacy stops here

Oh my child...