

Broken Skin

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Today at 15.45 hours
India conducted 3 underground nuclear tests
In the bogram range

Hope falls softly from your hands
Dreams burn deep beneath the land
Time casts shadows overall
Sweating fever, rain or river
Brushing winds beneath your call

Broken skin, distant fear
Shattered worlds of endless tears
Hidden fires, distant lies
Buried hopes beneath the cries
Broken skin, distant fears
Silent lips, so far, so near

Silence, it is every hope apart
Two flames burn deep beneath one heart
Teardrops flow faster with the tide
Raging over calmer waters
As the timeless land divides

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Broken, distant, shattered
Hidden, distant, buried
Broken, distant, silent

Cold games repeat on eastern shores
Strong winds blow over colder wars
Proud lips stay silent in the rain
There are half a million voices in the song without a name

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Shattered
Hidden, distant, buried
Broken, distant, silent

(so far so close)
Shattered
(there are half a million voices)
Distant
Shattered
Distant
Shattered
(there are half a million voices)

Just 5 miles from indias nuclear test site

Children play in the shade of the village water tank
Here in the rajahstan desert people say they're proud their country showed t
heir nuclear capability