

## Fountain & Vine

Oleander

Open your shelters and let us all in  
Tired and homeless and hungry again  
Outside my window at fountain & vine  
Drunks and addicts are forming a line

Sharing their stories to comfort despair  
Carry the weight of the crosses they bare  
Praying for courage and wisdom to change  
Serenity costs more than pocket book change

I want to tear down the walls  
And shatter the image that falls  
I want to turn all the tables  
And give back what doesn't belong to me

Sleeping on sidewalks is how people live  
Begging for something no one wants to give  
Size of your wealth is a bottle of wine  
Sipped with your friends you'll soon leave behind

Are your children in flames?  
Incarcerated and bound by the chain?  
Strangers paralyze  
Down in the gutters of fountain & vine

Feel like running away  
Tired of seeing them falling aside  
There's no running away

I want to tear it all down  
Build it all up from the ground  
I want to tear down the wall  
And shatter the image that falls on me

The view from down here  
Brings mention to mind  
Everything's sacred on fountain & vine