

# Last Call

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In a mansion high the young man stood  
Ready to join his companions good  
Outside the scent of magnolia blossoms  
Down streets of gold the children were racing

Just another wandering soul  
Adrift among the stars  
Just another human heart  
Led, led away

He put his shoes on and he laid down  
Outside the clouds were swiftly gathering  
He drained his cup and his stirred the mixture  
And he closed his eyes as his conscience whispered

Just another wandering soul  
Adrift among the stars  
Just another human heart  
Led, led away

Misgivings unspoken he joined his companions  
His face covered over in a mansion high  
Outside the children gazed in wonder  
At the quickening sky then slowly disbanded

Thirty-nine wandering souls  
Adrift among the stars  
Thirty-nine human hearts  
Led, led away

His burning skin cooled by angels  
Swallowing sorrows excretion  
It's all excretion  
Felled by his hand of the mind of another man  
Who makes the decisions  
Lends no provisions for mere eternal rides  
Learning of course every alien force

Even Christ yearns to be  
To possess the skin  
And bone the blood of man  
Who tends the flock who breaks the bread  
Who makes his own choices  
Won't listen to voices  
Accept no false teachers  
False preachers, good deviders  
With their hands out stretched  
To be filled with your money  
Your mind, your heart, your imagination  
Sympathy, empathy  
Acknowledge all man as fellow creation  
But don't follow him  
Don't be led away