

# The Black Market

Rise Against

A currency of heartache and sorrow  
The air we breathe is stale with mold  
To shadows we are slaves digging deeper every day  
But emptiness is growing so old

Headlamps light the tunnels we wander  
They shimmer and they dance on the walls  
We're lost inside these caves as the chances of escape  
Grow slimmer 'til there's no chance at all

This ink, it travels from the page  
Up my hand and to my veins  
Choking on those stories I've told  
If there are words here left to say  
I just want to let you know

I'm falling on my knees right now  
I'm covered in the mess I made  
These colors used to wash right out  
But now they are a part of me  
And I've been searching for a remedy  
When all along it's been in front of me  
I need you here, I need you now  
Right now

We traffic in the blackest of markets  
Trade misery like diamonds and gold  
The angst that we exchange for applause or petty praise  
Is finally now taking its toll

But there's a world above the ground  
A life that we can lead  
We're washing off the dirt from our clothes  
I don't want to live without  
I just wanna let you know

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I'm covered in the mess I made  
These colors used to wash right out  
But now they are a part of me  
And I've been searching for a remedy  
When all along it's been in front of me  
I need you here, I need you now  
Right now  
Right now

(Black stains) they mark me like a letter  
(Won't fade) cracking under the pressure  
(Black stains) nothing stays gold

There's a world above the ground  
A life that we can lead  
But we're lost deep down in these holes  
And I've seen the way out  
Now I just want to let you know

I'm falling on my knees right now (black stains)

I'm covered in the mess I made (won't fade)  
These colors used to wash right out (black stains)  
But now they are a part of me  
And I've been searching for a remedy  
When all along it's been in front of me  
Your voice it washes the stains away  
(Wash the stains away)  
Woo oh oh oh  
(Wash the stains away)