## **Age of Reptiles**

Showbread

I am made of parts that freeze and ligaments that atrophy Though they look they'll never see They don't know something's wrong with me And just as well, I'll never tell what's underneath the scales I've worn to thin to honor you, my every effort fails Bury me with Israel and cover up my tracks Leave not a trace of what I was, I'm never coming back And if you're mercy falls upon he whose blood is cold Unearth me with your hands of love and never break your hold

The world is full of ones like me Who need to see the truth But the truth is never truth indeed The truth is only you

Jesus bless the crocodiles, forgive the cobras and all the snakes Open up your arms to carry all of our mistakes Suck the venom from every bite and vomit every drop Some of us may bite your hand but some of us will not And every knee will bow before you, each forked tongue confess My selfishness will rot in me and I will seek your rest Still some lizards flee from you, ashamed of all they've been So Jesus take myself from me, never bring it back again

The world is full of ones like me, who need to see the truth But the truth is never truth indeed, the truth is only you The world will soon become extinct, the age will pass away And all will know that you are God, hallowed be your name

Jesus bless the crocodiles, forgive the cobras and all the snakes Open up your arms to carry all of our mistakes Forgive the basilisk, forgive the moccasins and adders too Have mercy on each alligator that never lived for you I myself hatched from an egg, no white light from above Just another ancient serpent that never earned your love But still you find me underneath the rocks and in the ground I cowered there just short of air and never made a sound It's true that I'm in love with you, and even in my shame You wipe away the imperfections and take away the pain You wrap your loving arms around this wretched thing called me Your love is all I'll ever need, your love has set me free

The truth is only you.

I walk the world on insect legs beneath an unforgiving sun Eat the dirt throughout my days On the dirt and dirt I come undone Messiah born in Bethlehem won't find me lying there The world's too big for him to see me or hear the things I've said Hold me to you as I pray, Take the rest of the world away My blood runs warm because of you, The scales fall out of my eyes I laughed in the keep of a man with a rose my mandibles are caked in trash Thought you wouldn't recognize me, in the black of soot and ash Don't turn deaf into my voice, but one thing I want you to know: I have always loved you though my life has never said so Hold me to you as I pray, Take the rest of the world away My blood runs warm because of you, The scales fall out of my eyes Hold me to you as I pray, Take every other thing away My heart is breaking out for you, The scales are out of my eyes

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice To worship you, Oh, my soul rejoice Take joy my King in what you hear May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear