

# Howard's Tale

## Sick Puppies

Age five, just a little boy shy  
Is he ready for the big surprise  
He'll be playing Lego in a dream  
When the shadows come to life

Age nine and he should've been fine  
With a secret he's sure to keep  
Two times had to tell a little lie  
For the sake of him and me

Now it's over  
I need closure

Hey, look what you did to me  
When you were taking me home  
Getting me stoned  
Leave me alone  
I waited for mum to comfort me  
But when I opened my mouth  
"Don't say nothing, shh"

Age twelve and it isn't going well  
Now it's 3 years to the day  
Confused, but unlike you  
This feeling won't go away

Sixteen and the woman down the street  
Has invited him to come inside  
The first time, it didn't feel right  
It'll be the last time he tries

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Don't say nothing's wrong  
I won't say nothing's wrong

I won't say, I won't say  
I won't say, I won't say  
I won't say, I won't say

Seventeen, all he's ever seen  
Is living in between the lies  
It's kind of funny how a mind  
Can keep living in denial

Eighteen is a very strange scene  
He's still playing with the past  
Expelled, maybe someone could've helped  
If someone had known to ask

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Nineteen and he's innocently  
Parked right beside a school  
He stares at a boy sitting there  
And the boy stares at him too  
He walks over  
He needs closure