

# They Broke Him Down

## Streetlight Manifesto

Did I mention we were dreaming  
When the devil came to town?  
I was awoken by the screaming  
But nobody heard a sound

And the lies we told at breakfast  
Won't match the lies we had for lunch  
And the lies we said for dinner, yeah, for dinner  
They're the tallest of the bunch

Did you notice he was cold  
When he finally lost control long ago?  
And the epilogue I dreaded  
Was unlikely to console  
And I'm still not understanding  
The things he did before he left  
And the one thing that will haunt me, it will haunt me  
Right before his final breath, he said

And they broke him down, yeah, they broke him down  
He said, "I'll never be your saint, you see, 'cause I won't be hanging around."  
So they broke him down, yeah, they broke him down  
So I stood there and I held my breath 'cause I know that it wouldn't be long  
'Til they broke me down

Did I mention we were flailing  
When the angels came around?  
And they just sat there they were waiting  
For the first of us to drown  
And I started going under  
But I didn't hold my breath  
'Cause the last thing that I needed, oh I needed  
Was to owe a holy debt  
Oh no

And no one holds a grudge, dear,  
Like I do, I see it through  
And you may not remember  
It was nothing much at the time  
But I kept it bottled inside

Oh and we all know how that goes  
Yeah, I've given up on letting go  
So here we are, with nothing left here  
And now you left me here  
And I was last to know

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So I can't be your saint, you see, 'cause I won't be hanging around  
And they broke him down, yeah, they broke him down  
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Holy smokes  
Some say we've given up the ghost  
But I think he's in the background (somewhere in the background)  
Hiding in his favorite photographs

And he's living as a beggar  
Or a millionaire  
But the one thing that I'm sure of, I am sure of  
Is he found some comfort there?

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