

Dream Theater, A Nightmare to Remember

A nightmare to remember
I'd never be the same
What began as laughter
So soon would turn to pain
The sky was clear and frigid
The air was thick and still
Now I'm not one to soon forget
And I bet I never will
Picture for a moment
The perfect irony
A flawless new beginning
Eclipsed by tragedy
The uninvited Stranger
Strated dancing on his own
So we said goodbye to the glowing bride
And we made our way back home
Life was so simple then
We were so innocent
Father and mother
Holding each other
Without warning
Out of nowhere
Like a bullet
From the night
Crashing glass
Rubber and steel
Scorching fire
Glowing lights
Screams of terror
Pain and fear
Sounds of sirens
Smoke in my eyes
Sudden stillness
Wrapped in silence
No more screaming
No more cries
Stunned and bewildered
Cold and afraid
Torn up and broken
Frightened and dazed
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Lying on the table
In this unfamilliar place
I'm greeted by a stranger
A man without a face
He said "Son do you remember?
Do you even know your name?"
Then he shined a light into my eyes
and said "Take this for the pain"
Hopelessly drifting
Bathing in beautiful agony
I am endlessly falling
Lost in this wonderful misery
In peaceful sedation I lay half awake
And thought of the panic inside starts to fade
Hopelessly drifting
Bathing in beautiful agony
"Tell me does this hurt you?"
Said the faceless man
"Can you move all of your fingers?
Can you try your best to stand?"

I asked about the others
"Is everyone okay?"
He told me not to worry
As he turns and looked away
Hopelessly drifting
Bathing in beautiful agony
I am endlessly falling
Lost in this wonderful misery
In peaceful sedation I lay half awake
And thought of the panic inside starts to fade
Hopelessly drifting
Bathing in beautiful agony
Day after day
And night after night
We burden the oppressed
Did they ever see the red light?
Over and over
Scene by scene
Like a recurring nightmare
Haunting my dreams
How can you prepare
For what happens next?
The search you'll never have to see
His father's such a mess
It's a miracle he lived
It's a blessing no one died
By the grace of God above
Everyone survived
Life was so simple then
We were so innocent
It will stay with us forever
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