

NoMeansNo, Victory

When I set out on this journey I thought it would never end
When I started down that road I could not see the end
And when I took that first step I fell in so deep
And all those things that were so hard-won I thought I would always keep
Now what do you think I see standing like a wall in front of me

Defeat, not victory
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chorus:

So what are you going to do? Die?
No you gonna lay down and die?
No I will not admit defeat I will not admit defeat
I will see victory
Pride and deceit have choked my life like weeds
And I lost sight of what I really had what I really need
And all the things I should've valued
I gave away for a prayer and a song
And now when I reach out for them they are gone
Now you know what I see standing in front of me
Like a headstone a fucking monument to human misery

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chorus:

Do I have any friends here?
I can't see are any of my friends here?
I can't see what about you?
Will you be a friend to me?
What about you? Will you be a friend to me?
I've got a question to ask you and then you can ask it of me
It's a simple request and then you can make it of me
Can you forgive me? Can you see what will be?
Is it victory?

Now I can't show you all the things I've seen
And I can't make you feel anything
Certainly not what they meant to me
And someday I know, no matter how hard we try
We are all going to have to lay down and die
So maybe I should just tell you what I hope and believe
For every defeat there will be a victory
For every defeat there will be a victory in defeat,
victory