

# Sam Roberts, The Gate

Over land, I traveled time and space and quicksand  
And for sixty days I knew no other road

And through the maelstrom, which turned in time with the kick drum  
I was swallowed and twisted and spit out on a coast  
And in this place there stands a gate that leads to the heart of the city  
And I've spent seven years and a sea of fears in this broken mirror of a city  
Listen to the streets there's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Sweet sunlight, I can see it in my mind's eye  
Yeah I remember feeling alright  
And I saw black clouds and Turin shrouds and it smelled of a faded empire  
It's all concrete and steel, we're asleep at the wheel, and the mayor's just a gun for hire  
Listen to the streets there's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Listen to the sound there's a time bomb ticking in the city

I've heard the song the morning sings  
Outside the gate is everything  
Let in the light! Let in the light!  
Streetwalker said to me she has no need for history  
She has the key she has the key  
Sweet sunlight, I can see it in my mind's eye  
Let in the light! Let in the light!

Waking up from a dream where I was the stone and you were the stream  
Chemical City isn't all that you need but it's all that you're getting and they've hidden the key

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Let in the light, let in the light  
I said this place is an unnatural disaster  
And I'm a visitor here so I asked her:  
Where are the trees, where are the trees?  
And she said free yourself from history  
That is the key! That is the key!  
Sweet sunlight, I can see it in my mind's eye  
I see the light! I see the light!

The gate is gone now, you better run [x4]

Can you feel it? There's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Yeah there's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Where all the fat-cats are hissing at your pity  
There's a heartbeat missing  
The gate is gone so you better run,  
You better run run run run...  
You better run run run run...  
You better run!