

Ayreon, House On Mars

It is the end of the 21st Century. I have returned to my own childhood. I remember it all as the Dream Sequencer images mix with my own recollections. This is the day my sister and I realised that we would never see the planet Earth.

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Daddy where are you now

Forgot about your vow?

You promised you'd return and take me to Earth

Did you have to fight that war

What was it all for?

The honor of one's name, what is it worth?

I'm all alone - we're all alone

My future's unknown - our future's unknown

I reach out to the stars out here in my house on Mars

Mother did you hear me cry?

You never told me why

You put me in this world of rock and dust

No friends for playing games

No foes who scorn my name

Computerized machines of steel and rust

Is this my home? - this is our home

This desolate dome - this desolate dome

I call out to the stars: I'm alone in my house on Mars

I'll never smell the ocean breeze

I'll never climb the highest trees

I'll never feel the burning sun

I'll never meet my chosen one... in my house

Daddy I forgive you now

You could not keep your vow

You will never return, I'll never see Earth

My time has come - our time has come

I'm emotionally numb - emotionally numb

I'm headed for the stars, I'm leaving my house on Mars

No friends in my house on Mars

No foes in my house on Mars

I was born in my house on Mars

I will die in my house on Mars