

# David Gray, The Haunted House

The Haunted House

Have YOU ever BEEN  
to A HAUNTED HOUSE?  
bET YOU have!  
a place you didn't understand  
a place that frightened you  
Did you SEE?  
Did you HEAR?  
Did you THINK?  
that you knew what was around the corner  
think back to a time  
to a place where you felt you had been before  
but couldn't understand why you felt that way  
De'ja' voo  
Did you hear the noise?  
Did you SEE the light?  
BATs flying way UP high  
MONSTERS walking through a haze  
coming  
CLOSER, CLOSER, CLOSER  
Do you SEE how it collides  
with R E A L I T Y?  
We walk in a trance every day  
No time for reflecting  
Always in a hurry  
Driving our weapons of destruction  
faster, faster, faster  
No time for KINDNESS  
No time to GIVE  
No time to FEEL  
I saw a woman

in the LAUNDROMAT  
I heard her ask  
how much it would cost to repair  
her TORN clothes  
She looked like a deer  
caught in the CROSSFIRE  
Was so worried about how much it cost  
no A F F E C T  
i knew in my heart and soul  
that she needed HELP  
so i gave her a coin  
so she could get  
her clothes repaired  
Didn't want her to worry about whether she could eat  
And as i was about to leave discretely  
she asked said: WHO ARE YOU?  
I was startled because i knew  
that she REMEMBERED  
REMEMBERED  
REMEMBERED  
She knew that i understood  
HER PAIN  
Because I was that woman  
in another LIFE  
a VAGABOND, who lost HER way  
due to circumstance  
It is the people who can still feel the pain  
they are the ONES  
who are still AWAKE  
they haven't let their HEARTS  
fall asleep  
they haven't let their souls be silenced  
or encased in SEA of DENIAL

We've all been in THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Blinded by our goals

JUST trying to make ends meet

But what about GOODNESS?

We forgot ABOUT goodness

we forgot that goodness COUNTS

more than anything

more than MONEY, POWER, or FAME

GOODNESS counts!

don't forget

it's all that matters

don't forget

don't forget

It's all that really matters

Just be good

and try to do the RIGHT thing

and (s)he will forgive us

if we mess up

just take the time

just make the effort

to do the right thing

and (s)he will forgive us

for (s)he knows that we are only human

and that we live in a haunted house

a house that makes us forget

where we've been

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