

David Gray, The Haunted House

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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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