

# Emma Pollock, The Optimist

Given the light, give it some truth  
Given the maybe, give it some proof  
This body is cleaner, I'm one to behold  
My truth is uncovered, untainted, untold  
Hello to the people I considered old

Oh, the optimist

Teach me to follow, teach me to lead  
Teach me to stand up and how to succeed  
As long as I'm upright I'll try to prolong  
The notion that future events must go on  
No matter the turn out is right or is wrong

They trusted you  
And all the things you often made them do  
And look, everyone's smiling  
Telling me I've got to trust you too  
Do no wrong  
'Cause if you do you just won't live as long  
And look, everyone's crying  
Someone's telling them to just stop trying

Given some truth, call it a lie  
Give some action, ask yourself why  
This body is slow and has seen its best days  
My truth has uncovered my negative ways  
I'm one of the people I struggle to praise

Oh, the pessimist

Teach me follow but never to lead  
Teach me to stay down and never succeed  
When everyone's watching it's hard to admit  
The movement of shadows that lead me to quit  
I grapple with time, but I can't make it fit

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