

Jim Carroll, The Beast Within

If give me your ear
I'll whisper you wind that could soothe your burnt blood
The door is right here
Breathing the air filled with powders and porn
Now comes the dawn

If I release the dove
Would it betray the sky and return to your cage
In the river above
Can I fold back the pages and just take one look
Into your jungle book

Refrain: some say it's a lie, some say it's a sin
Do you know how it ends if you won't let it begin?
You feel it waking now beneath your skin

You can't live without the beast within

If you lift up your veil
Then I'll finish the features that aren't quite done
How could we fail
With all the miraculous masks that we wear
In shadows and stares

Let's seal out the dare
Your eyes like morning, naked and wet
What price will we pay?
Now think back and tell me how we ever got here
Such tender years

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