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Bleed Me Hollow

INTRO

[Slow detuned riff]

[Feedback and amp hum]

VERSE 1

Same black morning

Same dead sky

Same old poison

Same old lie

Your ghost hanging

In the hall

Your name crawling

Across the wall

PRE-CHORUS

I drag this chain

I feel it pull

I gave you blood

You left me dull

CHORUS

Bleed me hollow

Leave me dry

Hang me slow beneath this sky

Scars that breathe

And never close

Love went bad and left me broke

Bleed me hollow

Let it show

There's nowhere clean for me to go

Every bruise still knows your name

And I wear the hurt like flame

VERSE 2

Cold like winter

Sharp like shame

Every memory

Says your name

I fed the fire

I dug this grave

Now all I got

Is what you gave

PRE-CHORUS

I keep this wound

I keep it fed

You live inside

What should be dead

CHORUS

Bleed me hollow

Leave me dry

Hang me slow beneath this sky

Scars that breathe

And never close

Love went bad and left me broke

Bleed me hollow

Let it show
There's nowhere clean for me to go
Every bruise still knows your name
And I wear the hurt like flame

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
You took the light
You left the stain
I taste your rust
Inside the rain

I tried to heal
I tried to drown
But every road goes down

SOLO

[Wah-drenched lead]

FINAL CHORUS

Bleed me hollow
Leave me dry
Hang me slow beneath this sky
Scars that breathe
And never close
Love went bad and left me broke

Crawl Inside

INTRO

[Muted guitar scrape]

[Groove riff drops in]

[Kick-snare pulse]

VERSE 1

You move like smoke through a busted screen
Low and dirty where I can't stay clean
Slip through the cracks where the dead nerves hide
Cold little ghost gonna crawl inside

You don't speak loud, but you stay too long
Hang in my head like a ruined song
Every black thought got your face on it
Every weak place says your name in it

PRE-CHORUS

You get in deep
You make it stay
You turn the dark
A darker shade

CHORUS

Crawl inside
Live in me
Like a sickness I can't see
Crawl inside
Wear my skin

You don't leave
You just sink in

Crawl inside
Take your space
Put your hands around this place
Crawl inside
Lock the door
Make me feel like mine no more

VERSE 2

You come alive when the lights burn low
Feed on the ache that I never show
Cut through the walls that I tried to build
Find every part that ain't dead yet still

My blood runs thick with the rust you left
Dead weight hanging inside my chest
I tried to choke it, I tried to sleep
But you got roots that go too deep

PRE-CHORUS

You get in slow
You stay beneath
You turn my air
Too hard to breathe

CHORUS

Crawl inside
Live in me
Like a sickness I can't see
Crawl inside

Wear my skin
You don't leave
You just sink in

Crawl inside
Take your space
Put your hands around this place
Crawl inside
Lock the door
Make me feel like mine no more

BRIDGE

[Half-time]

Under bone
Under scar
Under everything you are

In my blood
In my sleep
In the wound I couldn't keep

SOLO

[Bent-note ugly lead]

[Harmony bed underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Crawl inside
Live in me
Like a sickness I can't see
Crawl inside
Wear my skin
You don't leave

You just sink in

Crawl inside
Take your space
Put your hands around this place
Crawl inside
Lock the door
Make me feel like mine no more

OUTRO

[Repeat groove riff]

[Harmony: "crawl inside"]

[Feedback fade]

Black Tongue

INTRO

[Dirty stop-start riff]

[Kick-snare groove]

[Feedback spit]

VERSE 1

You come in low with a mouth full of ash
Dead-eyed grin and a voice built to slash
Every word lands dirty and numb
Black on the teeth and dead on the tongue

You talk in cuts, you talk in stains
Leave your poison running in my veins
Every lie got under my skin
Now I taste that rot again

PRE-CHORUS

Spit it out
Let it crawl
I can feel it through it all

CHORUS

Black tongue
Spit it out
Every little lie comes crawling out
Black tongue
Cut so deep
Every word you said still rots in me

Black tongue
Bite it through
Every dead sound comes back to you
Black tongue
In my head
Every little lie comes back undead

VERSE 2

You wear that look like a switchblade smile
Cold and mean but you make it sound wild
Every truth bends when you open wide
Every weak nerve got nowhere to hide

I tried to kill what you left behind
But it still talks in the back of my mind
Same black taste, same old sting
Same dead echo in everything

PRE-CHORUS

Spit it out
Watch it spread
I still hear what should be dead

CHORUS

Black tongue
Spit it out
Every little lie comes crawling out
Black tongue
Cut so deep
Every word you said still rots in me
Black tongue

Bite it through
Every dead sound comes back to you
Black tongue
In my head
Every little lie comes back undead

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
Black taste
Bad blood
You still talk through everything I was

No clean break
No clean end
Just your voice under my skin again

SOLO

[Bent-note ugly lead]
[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Black tongue
Spit it out
Every little lie comes crawling out
Black tongue
Cut so deep
Every word you said still rots in me

Black tongue
Bite it through
Every dead sound comes back to you
Black tongue

In my head
Every little lie comes back undead

OUTRO

[Repeat intro riff]
[Harmony: black tongue]
[Hard stop]

Cut the Nerve

INTRO

[Feedback squeal]
[Ugly stop-start riff]
[Drums slam in]

VERSE 1

You talk like a cut with a mouth full of smoke
Dead little grin like a bad inside joke
Every word hits like a nail in the teeth
You dig it in slow just to watch me bleed

I gave you a wire, you turned it to flame
Now every black thought sounds the same
You got in deep where the damage starts
Left your fingerprints all through my dark

PRE-CHORUS

You pushed too far
You hit too hard
You went straight for the weakest part

CHORUS

Cut the nerve
Watch me shake
You took the part that would not break
Cut the nerve
Leave it raw
Now I feel everything you were

Cut the nerve
Kill the sound
Drag me up just to knock me down
Cut the nerve
Twist it slow
Now there's nowhere clean left to go

VERSE 2

You wear that look like a blade in the light
Cold and clean but it don't cut right
You feed on the ache like it's all you know
Push it in deep then you let it grow

My blood runs thick with the shit you left
A dead weight hanging inside my chest
I tried to bury it, tried to choke it out
But it comes back mean when the lights go out

PRE-CHORUS

You got inside
You stayed too long
Now every weak spot feels like home

CHORUS

Cut the nerve
Watch me shake
You took the part that would not break
Cut the nerve
Leave it raw
Now I feel everything you were

Cut the nerve

Kill the sound
Drag me up just to knock me down
Cut the nerve
Twist it slow
Now there's nowhere clean left to go

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
Dead wire
Bad spark
You left your stain across my heart

No sleep
No cure
Just your hands in the wound again

SOLO

[Wah-drenched lead]
[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Cut the nerve
Watch me shake
You took the part that would not break
Cut the nerve
Leave it raw
Now I feel everything you were

Cut the nerve
Kill the sound
Drag me up just to knock me down
Cut the nerve

Twist it slow
Now there's nowhere clean
Nowhere clean left to go

OUTRO

[Repeat intro riff]
[Harmony: "cut the nerve"]
[Hard stop]

Poison Vein

INTRO

[Feedback squeal]
[Driving ugly riff]
[Kick and snare slam in]

VERSE 1

You came in sharp with a blade in your smile
Sick little look like you'd stay awhile
Cut me open just to watch me sting
Left your dirt in everything

Black in the mouth and cold in the stare
Dead-eyed touch like a live wire snare
You pushed it deep where the scars begin
Now I wear you under my skin

PRE-CHORUS

You cut
You stain
You left me with a poison vein

CHORUS

Poison vein
Cut me through
Every little scar comes back to you
Poison vein
Cold and deep
You left it in and now it never sleeps

Poison vein
Running black
Every time I heal, it pulls me back
Poison vein
Twist the knife
You still move like rot inside my life

VERSE 2

You talk real low like a curse half-heard
Mean little hooks in every word
You kept me close just to drag me thin
Fed that ache till it soaked in

My nerves light up when the night rolls in
Same old dirt crawling under my skin
Tried to kill what you put in me
But it keeps coming back teeth-first and mean

PRE-CHORUS

You burn
You stay
You left that poison in my veins

CHORUS

Poison vein
Cut me through
Every little scar comes back to you
Poison vein
Cold and deep
You left it in and now it never sleeps
Poison vein

Running black
Every time I heal, it pulls me back
Poison vein
Twist the knife
You still move like rot inside my life

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
Bad blood
Bad dream
You still grind inside of me

No cure
No clean
Just your rust in everything

SOLO

[Ugly wah-drenched lead]
[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Poison vein
Cut me through
Every little scar comes back to you
Poison vein
Cold and deep
You left it in and now it never sleeps

Poison vein
Running black
Every time I heal, it pulls me back
Poison vein

Twist the knife
You still move like rot inside my life

OUTRO

[Repeat intro riff]
[Harmony: "poison vein"]
[Hard stop]

Hurt Stays On

INTRO

[Feedback hum]

[Heavy riff drops in]

[Tom-heavy drums]

VERSE 1

Same old ache when the daylight hits
Same old stain where your shadow sits
I shut it down but it still gets through
Every dead nerve comes back to you

Cold in the walls, black in the air
Something still moves when you're not there
I wear the mark where the damage bled
You still talk in the back of my head

PRE-CHORUS

I let it fade
I let it sink
But it comes back up
Before I think

CHORUS

Hurt stays on
Won't let go
Lives in the cut and under the bone
Hurt stays on
Still runs deep

Never really dies, never really leaves

Hurt stays on
Follows through
Every black night comes back to you
Hurt stays on
Hangs so long
I bury it down but the hurt stays on

VERSE 2

Low in my blood, deep in my chest
You left a weight that outlived the rest
I tried to kill what I couldn't name
But every road led back the same

Dust in my mouth, rust in my skin
Same old wound when the dark rolls in
Every little scar starts speaking plain
Every little bruise remembers your name

PRE-CHORUS

I tried to break
What wouldn't heal
But every nerve
Still feels it real

CHORUS

Hurt stays on
Won't let go
Lives in the cut and under the bone
Hurt stays on
Still runs deep

Never really dies, never really leaves
Hurt stays on
Follows through
Every black night comes back to you
Hurt stays on
Hangs so long
I bury it down but the hurt stays on

BRIDGE

[Half-time]

Under the scar
Under the skin
It waits real low
Then comes again

No clean end
No release
Just the same old ghost in me

SOLO

[Wah-soaked lead]

[Haunting harmony bed]

FINAL CHORUS

Hurt stays on
Won't let go
Lives in the cut and under the bone
Hurt stays on
Still runs deep
Never really dies, never really leaves
Hurt stays on

Follows through
Every black night comes back to you
Hurt stays on
Hangs so long
I bury it down but the hurt stays on

OUTRO

[Repeat riff slower]

[Harmony: "hurt stays on"]

[Feedback fade]

Between the Cracks

INTRO

[Dark acoustic guitar]

[Low harmony hum]

[Room ambience]

VERSE 1 - LEAD VOCAL

I fell between the cracks again
Where the light gives out and the dark sets in
Same old ache in a different skin
Same old war I never win

Your name still hangs in the empty air
A ghost in the walls when you're not there
I let it fade, I let it pass
Still I fall between the cracks

PRE-CHORUS - HARMONY ENTERS

I let it sink
I let it slide
But every time
It comes alive

CHORUS - FULL DUAL HARMONY

Between the cracks
I disappear
You still live in the silence here
Between the cracks
I come undone

Holding shadows when the day is done

VERSE 2 - LEAD VOCAL

Cold wood floor and a dead dim room
Dust in the air like a slow old bruise
I talk real low but the walls talk back
Everything lost keeps pulling me back
I tried to rise, I tried to bend
I tried to call it something else instead
But every road just circles black
And leaves me there between the cracks

PRE-CHORUS - HARMONY ENTERS

I close my eyes
I hold my breath
But you still live
In what is left

CHORUS - FULL DUAL HARMONY

Between the cracks
I disappear
You still live in the silence here
Between the cracks
I come undone
Holding shadows when the day is done

BRIDGE - HEAVY STACKED HARMONIES

Under my skin
Under my breath
Under the words

I never said
I let you go
Or so I thought
But you still live
In every thought

FINAL CHORUS - FULL DUAL HARMONY, WIDER HARMONY LAYER

Between the cracks
I disappear
You still live in the silence here
Between the cracks
I come undone
Holding shadows when the day is done

Between the cracks
I still remain
Half in the dust, half in the pain
Between the cracks
I fade like that
Gone but never gone between the cracks

OUTRO - LEAD VOCAL + HIGH HARMONY

Between the cracks
Between the cracks
[Acoustic arpeggio fade]

Scabbed Over

INTRO

[Feedback hum]

[Heavy dragging riff]

[Tom-heavy drums]

VERSE 1

Scabbed over, never healed
Still got the cut beneath the seal
Same old wound under my skin
Looks closed up, still lets you in
You left a mark that don't fade out
Lives in the nerve and under the doubt
I keep it down, I keep it hid
But it still breathes where you once lived

PRE-CHORUS

I let it dry
I let it fade
But every scar still knows your name

CHORUS

Scabbed over
Never clean
Still got your blood in the space between
Scabbed over
Still not gone
I cover it up but the hurt stays on

Scabbed over
Dead and sore
Looks shut down but it wants more
Scabbed over
Hanging on
I bury it deep but it lingers on

VERSE 2

Dust in my mouth, rust in my chest
Dead weight hanging where you left
Every black thought comes back around
Pulls at the skin and drags it down
I tried to kill what wouldn't die
Tried to cut it and let it lie
But every time the dark rolls in
I feel that break beneath the skin

PRE-CHORUS

I let it harden
Let it crust
But nothing buried ever turns to dust

CHORUS

Scabbed over
Never clean
Still got your blood in the space between
Scabbed over
Still not gone
I cover it up but the hurt stays on
Scabbed over

Dead and sore
Looks shut down but it wants more
Scabbed over
Hanging on
I bury it deep but it lingers on

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
Under the scar
Under the seam
Nothing stays buried
Nothing stays clean

SOLO

[Ugly wah lead]
[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Scabbed over
Never clean
Still got your blood in the space between
Scabbed over
Still not gone
I cover it up but the hurt stays on

OUTRO

[Repeat riff slower]
[Feedback fade]

Comes Back Mean

INTRO

[Feedback hum]

[Heavy riff drops in]

[Tom-heavy drums]

VERSE 1

Same dead air when the daylight fades
Same black taste and the same old weight
I keep it low, I keep it hid
But it still breathes where it always did

Cold in the walls, low in the floor
Something still moves when I lock the door
I shut it down, I shut it in
But every dark thing learns to live again

PRE-CHORUS

I let it fade
I let it sink
But it gets teeth
Before I think

CHORUS

Comes back mean
When night comes down
I choke it back but it hangs around
Comes back mean
Cold and clean

Every old hurt comes back mean

Comes back mean
Under my skin
I lock it out but it gets back in
Comes back mean
Sharp and slow
Every black thought still knows where to go

VERSE 2

Dust in my mouth, rust in my chest
Same old ghost that outlived the rest
I tried to kill what I couldn't name
But every road bent back the same

Low in my blood, deep in my head
It talks real soft with the things you said
I let it drown, I let it sleep
But it comes back up from somewhere deep

PRE-CHORUS

I hold it down
I break my teeth
But when it rises
It comes back mean

CHORUS

Comes back mean
When night comes down
I choke it back but it hangs around
Comes back mean
Cold and clean

Every old hurt comes back mean
Comes back mean
Under my skin
I lock it out but it gets back in
Comes back mean
Sharp and slow
Every black thought still knows where to go

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
No clean break
No release
It waits real low
Then comes for me

Black in the nerves
Low in the steam
Everything buried comes back mean

SOLO

[Wah-soaked lead]
[Haunting harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Comes back mean
When night comes down
I choke it back but it hangs around
Comes back mean
Cold and clean
Every old hurt comes back mean
Comes back mean

Under my skin
I lock it out but it gets back in
Comes back mean
Sharp and slow
Every black thought still knows where to go

OUTRO

[Repeat intro riff slower]
[Harmony: "comes back mean"]
[Feedback fade]

Dead Quiet

INTRO

[Muted guitar scrape]

[Low bass pulse]

[Feedback hum]

VERSE 1

Dead quiet in the hallway light
Dead quiet but it don't feel right
Something low in the wall starts moving
Something buried starts cutting through me

Cold silence, black and thin
Like something bad just walked back in

PRE-CHORUS

No warning
No sound
Then it hits and drags me down

CHORUS

Dead quiet
Then it hits
Something ugly still lives in this
Dead quiet
No warning sign
It gets louder every time

Dead quiet
Still not gone

I feel it hanging on and on
Dead quiet
Back again
Everything buried comes back mean

VERSE 2

Dead air when the daylight dies
Same old weight behind my eyes
I lock it out, I shut it down
Still it finds its way around

Low breathing under the skin
Like something bad won't let me win

PRE-CHORUS

No signal
No flare
Then it's suddenly everywhere

CHORUS

Dead quiet
Then it hits
Something ugly still lives in this
Dead quiet
No warning sign
It gets louder every time

Dead quiet
Still not gone
I feel it hanging on and on
Dead quiet
Back again

Everything buried comes back mean

[Repeat intro riff heavier]

[Harmony: "dead quiet"]

[Hard stop]

BRIDGE

[Half-time]

No light

No flame

Still it comes back just the same

No face

No name

Just the dark coming up again

SOLO

[Ugly wah lead]

[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Dead quiet

Then it hits

Something ugly still lives in this

Dead quiet

No warning sign

It gets louder every time

Dead quiet

Still not gone

I feel it hanging on and on

Dead quiet

Back again

Everything buried comes back mean

OUTRO

Spit It Out

INTRO

[Feedback burst]

[Dirty stop-start riff]

[Drums slam in]

VERSE 1

You come in low with a mouth full of smoke
Dead-eyed grin like a bad inside joke
Every word lands sharp and thin
Cuts right through and gets right in
Black in the air, cold in the room
Same old pressure, same old doom
You talk real slow like you own the place
Leave that stain I can't erase

PRE-CHORUS

Say it hard
Say it plain
Drag it through me once again

CHORUS

Spit it out
Say it plain
Drag it through the dirt again
Spit it out
Show your teeth
Everything you hide comes out on me

Spit it out
Cut it clean
Every dead word comes back mean
Spit it out
No way through
Everything you hide comes back to you

VERSE 2

I hear your voice in the back of the walls
Same old shadow down the hall
I shut it down, I lock it tight
Still it finds me every night
Low in the blood, deep in the head
Talking through the things you said
I let it sink, I let it drown
Still it rises when the lights go down

PRE-CHORUS

Say it once
Say it twice
Every lie has got its price

CHORUS

Spit it out
Say it plain
Drag it through the dirt again
Spit it out
Show your teeth
Everything you hide comes out on me
Spit it out

Cut it clean
Every dead word comes back mean
Spit it out
No way through
Everything you hide comes back to you

BRIDGE

[Half-time]
No clean break
No release
Just your voice underneath

No good blood
No good sleep
Just the dark you left in me

SOLO

[Ugly wah lead]
[Harmony underneath]

FINAL CHORUS

Spit it out
Say it plain
Drag it through the dirt again
Spit it out
Show your teeth
Everything you hide comes out on me

Spit it out
Cut it clean
Every dead word comes back mean
Spit it out

No way through
Everything you hide comes back to you

OUTRO

[Repeat intro riff]
[Harmony: "spit it out"]
[Hard stop]

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