

COLD MARROW



STRANGER'S FACE

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TRACK 01 OF 14

ASHES OF THE SUN

VERSE 1

I drag the morning like a chain
Across the shadows of my mind
Another sunrise bends and breaks
Before it ever hits my eyes
I keep digging through the hours
For a spark I've never known
But the light slips through the cracks again
Leaving me with nothing left to hold

PRE-CHORUS

And the days all taste like iron
Burning cold upon my tongue
Every breath feels like a warning
From a life I've barely clung to

CHORUS

I've been searching for happiness in vain
Chasing ghosts through the pouring rain
Every step just sinks me deeper in
To a world that never lets me in
I'm surviving on the remnants of a dream
Living a life without a flame
In the ashes of the sun, I stand alone
Loveless to the bone

VERSE 2

I walk the ruins of my choices
Hear the echoes of what's gone
A hollow choir of broken voices
Singing songs I can't outrun
I've been starving for connection
But the moment I reach out
The horizon folds into darkness
And leaves me drowning in my doubt

PRE-CHORUS

And the nights grow even heavier
With the weight of what I miss
But every hope I try to swallow
Turns to stone beneath my fist

CHORUS

I've been searching for happiness in vain
Chasing ghosts through the pouring rain
Every step just sinks me deeper in
To a world that never lets me in
I'm surviving on the remnants of a dream
Living a life without a flame
In the ashes of the sun, I stand alone
Loveless to the bone

TRACK 01 OF 14 (CONT'D)

ASHES OF THE SUN

BRIDGE

Maybe joy was never meant for me
Just a story told to keep us warm
A fragile promise drowning
In the silence of the storm
But still I reach into the darkness
For a light I've never seen
'Cause even empty hearts remember
What it felt like once to dream

FINAL CHORUS

I've been searching for happiness in vain
Running circles through a nameless pain
Every day I fight the same old wind
Just to rise, just to breathe again
I'm surviving in the shadow of the flame
Living a life without a name
In the ashes of the sun, I stand alone
Loveless to the bone

TRACK 02 OF 14

BLACK MIRROR

VERSE 1

Love is a black mirror
Hiding the cracks
Givin' the hand
That taketh it back
It ain't what it seems
My love
It was only a dream
My love

CHORUS

You're just a cruel man
Your truth
I can't understand
And I know you're doin' the best you can
But I can't
You're just a cruel man
Your truth
I can't understand
And I know you're doin' the best you can
But I can't

VERSE 2

My love is a dark demon
Lying in wait
Baitin' its prey

The perfect mistake
It ain't what it seems
My love
It was only a dream
My love

CHORUS

You're just a cruel man
Your truth
I can't understand
And I know you're doin' the best you can
But I can't
You're just a cruel man
Your truth
I can't understand
And I know you're doin' the best you can
But I can't

TRACK 03 OF 14

BORN TO END

VERSE 1

Goin' down into a cave
Gonna take my heart with me
I am born to end
My friend
Never learned how to behave
You said you're all in
I'll let you fall in

PRE-CHORUS

Now
Now
You want to let me go

CHORUS

How could you love me
When you know what you know?
How could you touch me
When you know what you know?
I'm not much to speak of
I gave you the best of my love
I'm no good
I'm no good
I'm no good
I'm no good

VERSE 2

It's my life and I am stuck with it
And you're right
You want to be done with it
Can't fight when I want you gone
Take my life
Won't be long

PRE-CHORUS

Now
Now
You want to let me go

CHORUS

How could you love me
When you know what you know?
How could you touch me
When you know what you know?
I'm not much to speak of
I gave you the best of my love
I'm no good
I'm no good
I'm no good
I'm no good

TRACK 04 OF 14

BURIED IN THE MORNING

VERSE 1

I wake to the weight that's been choking my chest,
Another gray sunrise I can't second-guess.
The mirror keeps whispering I'm not the same—
Just a shadow that's learning to answer to pain.

PRE-CHORUS

And I try...
But the ground always pulls me below.
Yeah, I try...
But the night never lets me go.

CHORUS

I'm buried in the morning, drowning slow,
Lost in every sorrow I don't show.
I claw for the light but the dark takes hold,
And I'm breaking again with a truth so cold.
I'm buried in the morning...
Too tired to rise, but too scared to fold.

VERSE 2

I drink down the silence to quiet the ache,
But it grows like a crack in the life I can't shake.
My footsteps feel heavy like stones on a chain—
Every breath is a battle I fight with the shame.

PRE-CHORUS

And I try...
But the hurt always knows my name.
Yeah, I try...
But the hope never stays the same.

CHORUS

I'm buried in the morning, drowning slow,
Lost in every sorrow I don't show.
I claw for the light but the dark takes hold,
And I'm breaking again with a truth so cold.
I'm buried in the morning...
Too tired to rise, but too scared to fold.

BRIDGE

Maybe someday I'll find a reason
Not to fall apart each season.
But the more I reach, the more it bleeds—
I'm tied to all these broken needs.

FINAL CHORUS

I'm buried in the morning, drowning slow,
Lost in every sorrow I don't show.
Still digging for light through the undertow,
But I'm slipping again where the shadows grow.
I'm buried in the morning...

TRACK 04 OF 14 (CONT'D)

BURIED IN THE MORNING

And I don't know how to let go.

TRACK 05 OF 14

CHASING SHADOWS OF MY OWN

VERSE 1

I felt the tremor in the silence
Like a heartbeat I denied
Every time I saw the horizon bend
I turned around and tried to hide
There's a mirror in the distance
Where a stranger wears my face
He keeps calling out for comfort
While I keep vanishing without a trace

PRE-CHORUS

Oh, I keep building all these walls
Just to watch them fall apart
I keep reaching for affection
With a runaway heart

CHORUS

I've been chasing shadows of my own
Running from the love I've never known
Every time it tries to touch me
I fade into the undertow
'Cause the closer I get to feeling whole
The further I drift from my soul

VERSE 2

I saw a fire in the distance

Burning bright with something true
But the closer that I wandered
The more I feared what it could do
I've been haunted by the memory
Of a future I won't claim
'Cause I'm scared that if I find it
Love will carve me up and leave me changed

PRE-CHORUS

Oh, I keep turning from the light
Even though it warms my skin
Guess I'd rather keep on running
Than let somebody in

CHORUS

I've been chasing shadows of my own
Running from the love I've never known
Every time it tries to touch me
I fade into the undertow
'Cause the closer I get to feeling whole
The further I drift from my soul

BRIDGE

Maybe fear is just a parasite
Feeding on the life I'm owed
Maybe love is waiting patient

TRACK 05 OF 14 (CONT'D)

CHASING SHADOWS OF MY OWN

For the day I drop the load
But I've been wrestling with the distance
Between desire and the truth
And the only walls that cage me
Are the ones I never meant to choose

FINAL CHORUS

I've been chasing shadows of my own
Running from the love I've never known
But I'm tired of the empty echo
Of the places where I never go
If there's healing hidden in the flame
Then I'll step into it—unafraid

TRACK 06 OF 14
CRAVE

VERSE 1

In this cage where shadows crawl,
I reach for warmth but feel the wall,
Hollow whispers taunt my mind,
Love's a ghost I can't find.

CHORUS

I'm starving for a taste of pain,
In the dark where the echoes reign,
A banquet of sorrow, I dine alone,
Craving affection in a heart of stone.

VERSE 2

Eyes like daggers pierce the gloom,
Each memory a petal from a rotting bloom,
A bittersweet dance in the pale moon's glow,
Chained to the silence, where no light will go.

CHORUS

I'm starving for a taste of pain,
In the dark where the echoes reign,
A banquet of sorrow, I dine alone,
Craving affection in a heart of stone.

BRIDGE

Every heartbeat echoes like a death knell,

Loneliness whispers secrets no one can tell,
I'm lost in the dark, an unwelcome guest,
Feasting on heartache, I crave the rest.

OUTRO

I wander through graves of the love I've known,
Embraced by the shadows, forever alone,
With scars like a canvas, I paint my despair,
Craving the abyss, but the void doesn't care.

TRACK 07 OF 14

CYCLE OF THE FADE

VERSE 1

I carve my name in rust again,
Another promise turned to dust.
I swear I'll crawl out from this skin—
But I keep sinking where I trust.
The mirror shows me who I was,
A face I barely recognize.
I run from every flaw because
They're always waiting in disguise.

PRE-CHORUS

I fall deeper when I try to climb,
The ground just pulls me through.
I circle back to my own crimes—
Old wounds I can't undo.

CHORUS

Caught in a cycle of the fade,
Drowning in the mess I made.
I reach for light that slips away,
Break myself the same damn way.
I'm tangled in the lines I laid—
Still chasing something true.

VERSE 2

I tighten knots with trembling hands,

Then curse the rope around my neck.
I say I'll break these sinking sands,
But trip on every step I check.
I'm haunted by the quiet parts,
The ones I never dared to face.
I bury truth inside my heart,
Then blame the dark for its embrace.

PRE-CHORUS

I fall deeper when I try to change,
My shadow drags me near.
I wander back through the same maze—
Still feeding on my fear.

CHORUS

Caught in a cycle of the fade,
Drowning in the mess I made.
I reach for light that slips away,
Break myself the same damn way.
I'm tangled in the lines I laid—
Still chasing something true.

BRIDGE

Maybe I'm addicted to the pain,
The only fire that warms the rain.
I touch the heat, I know the cost—

TRACK 07 OF 14 (CONT'D)

CYCLE OF THE FADE

But I can't let the burning stop.

FINAL CHORUS

Caught in a cycle of the fade,

Paying debts I never paid.

I chase a life I can't reclaim,

A different man with my same name.

Still bound to all the cracks I made—

And falling back into

The cycle of the fade.

TRACK 08 OF 14

DESPAIR

VERSE 1

There is no light in the darkness
There is no sun in the sky
There is no light in the darkness
There is no sun in the sky
I am a wretch
I am in need of a rest
I am depressed
I am alone
I am a wretch
I am in need of a rest
I am depressed
I am alone
In the darkness

CHORUS

There is no light
In the darkness
There is no sun
In the sky
There is no light
In the darkness
There is no sun
In the sky

VERSE 2

I am a wretch
I am in need of a rest
I am depressed
I am alone
I am a wretch
I am in need of a rest
I am depressed
I am alone
In the darkness

CHORUS

There is no light
In the darkness
There is no sun
In the sky
There is no light
In the darkness
There is no sun
In the sky
There is no light
In the darkness

TRACK 08 OF 14 (CONT'D)

DESPAIR

There is no sun
In the sky

TRACK 09 OF 14

HOLLOW REFLECTION

VERSE 1

In the mirror, a ghost stares back,
A faded face on a twisted track,
Broken pieces where hope used to be,
Caught in the silence, trapped inside me.

CHORUS

I'm drowning deep in a sea of gray,
Every heartbeat pulls me further away,
Echoes of laughter lost in the screams,
In this hollow reflection,
I'm haunted by dreams.

VERSE 2

Creeping shadows dance on the wall,
Footsteps echo in this empty hall,
Searching for meaning in a world turned cold,
In the grip of the night, my spirit unfolds.

CHORUS

I'm drowning deep in a sea of gray,
Every heartbeat pulls me further away,
Echoes of laughter lost in the screams,
In this hollow reflection,
I'm haunted by dreams.

BRIDGE

Chains of the past wrapping tighter each day,
Fading connections lead me astray,
Whispers of sanity slip through my hands,
In this twisted circus where darkness commands.

OUTRO

Let the silence swallow what's left of my fight,
In a hollow reflection, I'm lost to the night,
A prisoner of shadows, beg for release,
In this empty abyss,
I find no peace.

TRACK 10 OF 14

LOST CAUSE

CHORUS

There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles
There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles

VERSE 1

And I would die for you
But
Girl
I think you knew
Just what you put me through
Now I need someone new
I'm cold like your winter breeze
And I don't have any enemies

I've already lost my energy
And I won't ever say
"Please"

CHORUS

There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles
There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles

VERSE 2

It's hard to keep on pretendin'
And I just wish this pain would end and
I don't think my heart will be mended
And I just wish this pain would end and
I'm cold like your winter breeze

TRACK 10 OF 14 (CONT'D)

LOST CAUSE

And I don't have any enemies
I've already lost my energy
And I won't ever say
"Please"

CHORUS

There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles
There ain't no hope
There's no savin' me now
I got no light at the end of my tunnel
I'm so lonely
Nobody around
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles

OUTRO

A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles
A lost cause
I've been walkin' for miles

INSTRUMENTAL TRACKS

NO WORDS NEEDED

TRACK 11 OF 14

PITY ME

(Instrumental)

TRACK 12 OF 14

SEARCHING FOR MEANING

(Instrumental)

TRACK 13 OF 14

SHATTERED TRUST

VERSE 1

In the twilight where secrets crawl,
A silver tongue, a dagger's call,
Promises whispered in the dead of night,
Beneath the surface, the shadows ignite.

CHORUS

Crimson stains on a heart so cold,
A web of lies, the truth unfolds,
In the silence, the venom drips slow,
With every heartbeat, I feel the undertow.

VERSE 2

Eyes that flicker like a fading flame,
A smile that hides beneath the shame,
The weight of betrayal, a heavy stone,
In this fractured world, I'm all alone.

CHORUS

Crimson stains on a heart so cold,
A web of lies, the truth unfolds,
In the silence, the venom drips slow,
With every heartbeat, I feel the undertow.

BRIDGE

Haunted by the ghosts of what was real,

Every glance a wound that will never heal,
In the ashes of trust, I'm left to decay,
A puppet in a game, with no part to play.

OUTRO

In the darkness, I'm stripped to the bone,
Echoes of laughter now chilling and moan,
Shattered trust in a world of despair,
In this quiet torment, love's a thief unaware.

TRACK 14 OF 14

WHEN THE NIGHT HAS FALLEN

VERSE 1

He stares at the moon through his window
Looks up and he prays that his pain goes away
But he knows that it won't
And he wonders why the world's still turnin'
And why the sun keeps burnin'
When there's no hope
And he whispers in the cold

CHORUS

When the night has fallen
And no one's callin'
Who do you love?
When the dark is deep
And you can't sleep
Who do you dream of?
When you're all alone and it's gettin' cold
Where do you go?
When the night has fallen
And no one's callin'
Who do you love?

VERSE 2

He lies awake on his pillow
He reaches for someone to hold
But there's no one there

And he's scared
And he sees her face in his memory
But she walked away and she left him with no light
In the night
And he whispers as he cries

CHORUS

When the night has fallen
And no one's callin'
Who do you love?
When the dark is deep
And you can't sleep
Who do you dream of?
When you're all alone and it's gettin' cold
Where do you go?
When the night has fallen
And no one's callin'
Who do you love?

BRIDGE

When the night has fallen
And no one's callin'
Who do you love?
When the dark is deep
And you can't sleep
Who do you dream of?

TRACK 14 OF 14 (CONT'D)

WHEN THE NIGHT HAS FALLEN

When you're all alone and it's gettin' cold

Where do you go?

When the night has fallen

And no one's callin'

Who do you love?



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