

# A Nightmare to Remember

Dream Theater

A nightmare to remember  
I'd never be the same  
What began as laughter  
So soon would turn to pain

The sky was clear and frigid  
The air was thick and still  
Now I'm not one to soon forget  
And I bet I never will

Picture for a moment  
The perfect irony  
A flawless new beginning  
Eclipsed by tragedy

The uninvited stranger  
Started dancing on his own  
So we said goodbye  
To the glowing bride  
And we made our way back home

Life was so simple then  
We were so innocent  
Father and mother  
Holding each other

Without warning  
Out of nowhere  
Like a bullet  
From the night

Crushing glass  
Rubber and steel  
Scorching fire  
Glowing lights

Screams of terror  
Pain and fear  
Sounds of sirens  
Smoke in my eyes

Sudden stillness  
Blackened silence  
No more screaming  
No more cries

Stunned and bewildered  
Cold and afraid  
Torn up and broken  
Frightened and dazed

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Lying on the table

In this unfamiliar place  
I'm greeted by a stranger  
A man without a face

He said, "Son do you remember?"  
"Do you even know your name?"  
Then he shined a light into my eyes  
Said, "Take this for the pain."

Hopelessly drifting  
Bathing in beautiful agony  
I am endlessly falling  
Lost in this wonderful misery  
In peaceful sedation  
I lay half awake  
And all of the panic inside starts to fade  
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"Tell me does this hurt you?"  
Said the faceless man  
"Can you move all of your fingers?"  
Can you try your best to stand?"

I asked about the others  
"Is everyone ok?"  
He told me not to worry  
As he turned and looked away

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Day after day  
And night after night  
Replaying the events  
Did they ever see the red light?  
Over and over  
Scene by scene  
Like a recurring nightmare  
Haunting my dreams

How can you prepare  
For what would happen next?  
No son should ever  
have to see his father such a mess  
It's a miracle he lived  
It's a blessing no one died  
By the grace of God above  
Everyone survived

Life was so simple then  
We were so innocent  
It will stay with us forever  
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