

# Only a Matter of Time

Dream Theater

A suited man smiled said:  
'It's just a matter of time  
You can have the world at your feet by tomorrow  
just sign on this line.'  
Hold tight... limelight!  
Approaching the paramount  
with the sun in our eyes  
fearing family ties, legalities, compromise

In a dimly lit room with a stool as his stage  
a dream-stricken prince of a pauper's descent  
haunts the eavesdropping silence  
that presses his window  
as he sweats a performance  
to an audience that ticks on the walls

To the practical observer  
It's just a matter of time  
'You can deviate from the commonplace  
only to fall back in line.'  
I understand mine's a risky plan  
and your system can't miss  
But is security after all a cause  
or symptom of happiness?

Brave, yet afraid, his eyes on horizon  
in a steady-set gaze  
a mariner soon from an open cocoon  
takes a moment to summon his courage  
to stifle his grave apprehension and  
trembling, approaches the surf  
A father's benediction as his hopeful son departs  
to brave the sea of rage and conquer at all costs

lingers in his memory  
and visions still surviving in a logic-proof shell  
that should have been held sacred, safe and hidden well  
are compromised in usury  
with every rising sun that yields no sight of land  
the hesitation cultivates within the tired man  
and rumors spread of mutiny  
and though the time will come when dream and day unite  
tonight the only consolation causing him to fight  
is fearless faith in destiny

Even when plan fall to pieces  
I can still find the courage  
with promise I've found in my faith

Likely or not, it's a dream that we keep  
and at odds with our senses we'll climb  
But if faith is the answer, we've already reached it  
And if spirit's a sign  
then it's only a matter of time  
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