

Burn It Out

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You know the secrets that live in fire
What is the promise that flames inspire
Can you just burn it out
Shadows and memories that won't stay put
Can you redact them with ash and soot
Can you just burn it out

Can you just burn it out
So thoroughly
You'll never see
A trace of yourself in the spark
Can you just burn it out
Til it's dark

Ghostly intruders who storm the moat
Black-booted looters lay knife to throat
Can you just burn that out
All of the shame that was yours to bear
Will it ignite like a signal flare
Can you just burn it out

Can you just burn it out
So thoroughly
You'll never see
A person who once had a name
Can you just burn it out
With a flame

Spirits and specters that live in the sulphur streams
Find their redemption in charcoal dreams

Can you just burn it out
So thoroughly
You'll never see
A trace of yourself in the coal
Can you just burn it out
Of your soul