

Everybody Shatter

Algiers

A-Town '81
Your seeds on the street
Just up and gone
It's the same song

Downtown the air is bleak
Cut the South Side off
And let it bleed
It's the same song

On Osage in '85
They're sure enough
Gonna take you
But not alive
It's the same song

Got stopped in '21
But If they said your name
You might live on
It's the same song

The white crow in 19-4
Said "they're gonna
Bite back
So that you don't"
It's the same song

They say, oh lord
A man done gone
14th and 5th
The flag flies on
It's the same song

Shape and Sound
We forgot to fear
Shut your eyes
And shut your ears
Scream and shout
Try to drown it out
But it won't let
You unhear it

Shape and Sound
We forgot to fear
Shut your eyes
And shut your ears
We'll revolve
For a little while
But we all
Fall down in tears

Dance
I wanna dance
I wanna dance into
The After
Until it comes to pass
And like broken glass

Everybody break down
And shatter

I wanna dance
I wanna dance
I wanna dance into
The After
Where everything
You know
And what you don't
Really won't even matter

We Shatter
We all fall
It's a sign of the times
We Shatter
We all crack
Trying to walk the line
We Shatter
We all fall
It's a sign of the times
We Shatter
And stay broke forever after

Clapping your hands and
You're stomping your feet
It's the beginning of
The end that you see
So leave your intentions
If you're strapped
At the door
Cause the first time
That you shatter
There won't be no more

So let's dance
I wanna dance
I wanna dance into
The After
Until it comes to pass
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Everybody breaks down
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Too many of us shook
There are constructs
Put in place
Intent on throwing us off
Threaten the spiritual balance
Until our mental focus is lost
Overwhelming emotional challenges
Feeding dread and despair
Distraction to keep us from practicing things like active compassion
Starving love
And feeding hate
Causing inhumane interactions
To breed separation
Not unification
Because of
Humanity's actions
This goes against
Our nature
Its inherently backwards
So we imprison ourselves
And don't see we hold the key
To the shackles
The answers to all our questions
In life that tend to be overlooked
Lie within our grasp
Yet will continue to pass
As long as we shook