

# Expectations

## Arrested Youth

I keep on having this dream where I'm seventeen  
Slipping through the cafeteria trying not to be seen  
I see my brother, he's sitting there with some kids  
He smiles at me and waves, I fake a smile and sit  
Down at the table, but something's off and I know it  
'Cause when I try and say something nobody seems to take notice  
I kinda like it, but then I start to feel strange  
Like the time I went on Amazon to buy myself a date

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I can't keep my concentration  
I've lost my imagination  
To such great expectations

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They keep crawling back to me  
All the things that I never did  
They still haunt me in my dreams  
All the years I've spent  
All the lives I've faked  
Just to keep myself protected  
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I keep a Rolodex inside of my head of all the times I had a chance to just be honest, instead  
I made a joke to changed the subject because my confidence said:  
"Hey, listen, if you mess this up, they're gonna judge you, my friend!"  
I'm living in a state of pure paralysis, see  
I like to think, think, think, but my action is weak  
My interaction is bleak, if life's a herd, I'm a sheep  
Guess I'm not really that much different than at age seventeen

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All of the things we wish we said  
They drag me down until I'm dead  
You say the best is yet to come  
Can anyone figure out what's wrong with us?

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