

# The Toll It Takes

## As I Lay Dying

There's a sentence they gave me  
Then one that remains unchanging

Like skin that's burnt by frost  
It'll peel if I pull away  
It hurts to hold or let go  
As I'm trying to sustain

Like feeling hunger pangs and eating bone to stay alive  
It tears me apart inside but it seems like the better way to get by

Like a broken hourglass they fell  
Cutting sand through my fingers down the deepest well

I know the toll it takes  
But I won't let you go  
The past I can't replace  
Is all that you'll ever know  
There is no turning back  
I can't fix what I broke  
The past I can't replace  
Is all that you'll ever know!

You're a part of me that I may never be able to repair  
Like a lung that's collapsed  
I'll always know that you're still there

Always surrounding my heart  
Even if it rejects air

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The true sentence I still face  
Is one I brought upon myself

Lost in a dark cell  
They said it's easiest to just numb yourself and let go  
But these open wounds will forever feel fresh  
And I refuse to let them close yet

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