

## The Stage

Avenged Sevenfold

So I arrived, naked and cold  
A welcomed change from the abeyance of a ghost town catacomb  
No need for counsel I appreciate the time I'm not alone  
(Why don't you get my lawyer on the phone)

There were days these child eyes  
Would overlook the ugliness and fantasize  
I found my heart for the first time and I awakened in me  
I left myself to navigate... and oh I felt control  
(It appears these sheep have quite an appetite)

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As we perform here upon the stage?

As the boy became a man  
In came a calm sophistication I can hardly understand  
So lost in ego, didn't notice when the time had slipped away  
(Yeah, Everyone's got a sob story)

Jesus Christ, was born to die  
Leave it to man to levitate his own to idolize  
We're simply sociopaths with no communication baby  
I see your angle but we differ from our points of view  
(So, what's your cross to bear)

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I believe in answers  
Just not today

Hope my wheels don't abandon me now, seein' that I'm out here alone  
I'm runnin' out of fight  
And the wind speaks a comforting voice, guiding me to her arms  
Mother, I'm alright  
It took the birth of sin to snake-rattle the mind  
Before a blow to the head by the gavel of time to wake up  
Won't you wake up?  
When did the walking apes decide that nuclear war  
Was now the only solution for them keeping the score? Just wake up  
Can't you wake up?

(You do know this is just a simulation, don't you?)  
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