

## And The Stone Said "If I Could Speak"

Beardfish

I was alone and it was night  
I had nobody else to turn to  
but the voices talking to me from afar  
and with endearing words so silent  
they told me the secret about who you really are  
A million images and words, long since forgotten,  
of events that no one ever saw  
I hear a whimper as I kneel,  
realizing that it's your pain that I feel  
"In this house of worship I'm a stone"

And as I wandered through the night  
I felt a presence of the past, the future  
and the present now  
The voices placed me in the minds  
of two young lovers,  
the husband in the war who's never coming home,  
the young girl realizing she's in fact a boy  
and the old man recollecting his first toy,  
the widow, the rapist, a gold digger, the hero  
and at last the voice I heard before:  
"In this house of worship I'm a stone"

"But there's blood gushing out  
of the cracks and fissures  
split me in two I'm hollow inside  
You can't make me feel their sorrow  
Did you think that the earth could cry?"

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"But there's blood..."

In the dark a mist of light  
leading down into its bowels  
And I walk the spiral staircase  
as the mist slowly dissolves

A wooden banister, a bridge  
and a vast stone wall up ahead  
I cross the bridge and hear the voices  
and they're speaking of the dead

"In moments of hallucinated power  
You thought that you had us stalled  
But ours are tears of liquid fire  
watch us cry a river over you"

"To comprehend me,  
you can think of this place as my home.  
From here I've seen it all,  
throughout time I've watched your mistakes..."

"But there's blood..."

Then again,  
to comprehend me

you can think of what I have gone through  
I've aided dirty hands  
when they've stoned defenseless innocents"

"I am every stone on earth,  
everything is recorded in me  
But I'm not to interfere  
Just continue to act as if I'm not here  
I don't care for love or hate  
And I know there is no such thing as fate  
No greater power will punish your mistakes  
Your acts are out of your own free will"

"I was here before you  
and I'll still be here when you're gone..."