## **Telos**

## Between the Buried and Me

Built to destroy Born to compress Every worry Every idea Push it deep down The blood vessel cover The skin suit of anxiety Never speak a word Just do as you're told and compete Compete for success, for health, for sport. Climb the mountain of limbs Build the walls around me A covered land mine Every smile, every itch A covered land mine Push it deep down Put your head under the ground Worm discussion Built to destroy Born to dominate As I am you You will never know Just like all the fools before you Here is what we must do She writes: I awake to a cold touch. Two arms in four-armed bed. The touch of wind wrapp ing around me. I'm trying to follow its scent. The scent of isolation. Every door opened, every aspect of our life... gone. Hauling around our memories. Every corner a display of our life. A life I assume will never be the same again. No signs, no clues. A game that I will question until the end. Where have you gone? Was I ever important? The late nights lend ideas, but nothing to gather actual progress. Years go by. The constant stare. The constant grip inside. Every organ grind ing. Every day seems easier until I step back in our box. Boxed in. Surrounded by life, while suffocating inside a poor version of one. Grip the match, set the fire. Don't save a thing. Rebirth. Reborn. Now this is progress. The black box will reveal only this. I will sit. Sit and wait until not a breath escapes my body. Burning in our box. What did all of this even mean? More objects to represent a status. One we can't even prove. Hide behind what we have taken. You have done this. The memory of me will leave with the ash of lost treasur es. Goodbye to you. Goodbye to everything. She speaks: Was I ever really alive? Did I stay in his mind? Goodbye to all I've known I love you Rebirth

Reborn

Do as we are built Machines for the future Bright eyed and ready for life The dual gods of our time Of all time They will never see us coming Let's end it all Start from scratch Patch the uniform and let the galaxy form a comfortable replacement We will not be missed Goodbye to everything Doing as one's told A puppet through fear The crossed finger clicking sounds Inner anxiety with a smile (Will he even know this? Will she notice? I haven't even begun telling her the truth, or telling you about her for tha t matter.) Why can't we step back? Are we really this important? Just because we can doesn't mean we should (Let things happen naturally) Personal resets through selfish release At least I will enjoy The worry slips under the door (I will never see him or I again) You won't see me coming