

Fire Escape

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Meet me out by the fire escape
It's been forty nights and forty days
And I've become uncertain in a cosmic way
I chewed my fingers to the bone today

Oh, won't you come around and meet me by the fire escape
Untie this tied tongue tie
What's it that I wanna say, what's it that I really wanna say?
What are the words I've been choking on, hoping someone will articulate?

Oh no, that's some murky water
Alright, we're in the trenches now
I don't know when the party's over
All I know's I'm getting out somehow
Oh, what a fever dream

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Join the procession down the alleyway, oh
Our freedom's a joke and we've got debts to pay
How many waves until the levee breaks?

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What's it that I wanna say, what's it that I really wanna say?
What are the truths we've been choking on, hoping someone will articulate?

Oh no, that's some murky water
Alright, we're in the trenches now
And I don't know how the story ends
But the pages just turn over and then turn over again

And redemption's always outta sight and just around the bend
And the outcome doesn't match with what it is that I intend
Like a stack of books grows and gathers dust beside the bed
Or the disconnect between what people do and what they've said
And I wanna read the news maybe without losing my head
Oh, what a fever dream

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