

Memory Lane

Elliott Smith

This is the place you end up
When you lose the chase
Where you're dragged against your will
From a basement on the hill

And all anybody knows
Is you're not like them
And they kick you in the head
And send you back to bed

Isolation pulled you passed a tunnel to a bright
World where you can make a place to stay

But everybody's scared of this place
They're staying away
Your little house on Memory Lane

The mayor's name is fear
His force patrols the pier
From a mountain of cliché
That advances everyday

The doctor spoke a cloud
He rained out loud
You'll keep your doors and windows shut
And swear you'll never show a soul again

But isolation pushes you 'til every muscle aches
Down the only road it ever takes

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If it's your decision
To be open about yourself
Be careful or else
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I'm comfortable apart
It's all written on my chart
And I take what's given me
Most cooperatively

I do what people say
And lie in bed all day
Absolutely horrified
I hope you're satisfied

Isolation pushes past self-hatred, guilt and shame
To a place where suffering is just a game

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