

# This I Earned

Hatebreed

Fiction you made up to believe  
Lives on a screen but it's not reality  
Actions that you didn't take  
Is why you're concerned with the ones that I make  
Now you've noticed your day slipping fast  
Was it well spent or were you stepping back?  
You counted all my blessings as you went  
Leaving your mark of discontent

(This I earned)  
I wasn't born with it  
I bled for this  
Be bound to your word  
When you live by it  
You prove your worth

(This I earned)  
It wasn't handed to me  
I did what I had to  
Be bound to your word  
It's not what you deserve, you get what you earn

Don't indulge in delusions to satisfy  
I don't escape today with dreams gone by  
Perfection of the present doesn't exist  
The future's at stake, it isn't granted

For this I bled  
For this I bled  
My blood I shed for this

You want a future worth fighting for?  
With skin in the game?  
Be bound to your word  
Everything is at stake

My blood  
My blood I shed for this  
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You think this was handed to me?  
Some offering taken at birth  
I've withstood every hardship  
To prove myself of worth

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Earned in blood  
A life that's well deserved  
Take what's due  
Once you prove your worth  
(Earn it)