

## Penance

### Holding Absence

I watch the clock hands go by, time after time  
I dream of leaving this place  
If I could leave the past behind  
Then I would just fade away, cease to exist  
Well, it would cleanse all my pain  
It's a shame that I ever lived

The devil on my shoulder whispers to me  
And dribbles such a never-ending cacophony  
Into my ears to blind the joy that tries to reach out to me  
Such a dulcet suffering, why can't anyone see?  
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I wasted my time falling in love  
With the thought of falling in love with someone  
Am I killing time, or killing myself?  
I think I'm killing myself, sometimes  
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I could never grow trees  
Still, I planted my seeds  
Sadly, you will see, eternal sunshine won't blossom me

I am enough to feel happiness and love  
It's hard to say out loud, "I deserve to be happy now"

Well, I deserve to be happy now  
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