

## A Prayer To Afflict The Comfortable

If Hope Dies

It's so much easier to avert our eyes  
From all the suffering and injustices  
That permeate our lives  
To be in the midst of sickness and pain  
And always keep our eyes fixed ahead  
Can only be explained away by killing  
Your conscience  
Because we all know that what we can't see is of no consequence

There is some truth to the doctrine  
That ignorance is no excuse  
By knowing nothing you are a silent partner in their abuse

So just close your eyes, so you don't have to see suffering  
Out of sight is more action out of mind

Knowing what I know about man's inhumanity to man  
I could only hate myself  
If I left these words unsaid  
Don't be paralyzed by your partnership in these crimes  
We have the chance to redeem ourselves for those who've died

To ignore all the signs that man is so unkind  
And partake in this culture of death makes all who don't acknow-  
ledge  
Just as guilty

There's still so much to fight for  
Even though this world seems rotten to it's core  
I know that life can spring anew from it's remains  
It's worth all we can do to see it through  
To better days