

Be Afraid

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We've been testing you
And you failed
To see how long that you could sit with the truth but you bailed

I don't think you'd even recognize the loss of control
And I don't think you even see it in yourself
See every one of us is counting dice that we didn't roll
And the loser is the last to ask for help

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The stage belongs to you
And you feel like a star
And you can bark and snap like a dog at the man who just tuned your guitar
And I don't think you'd even recognize a kid in the wings
And I don't think you even see her in yourself
She looks to you for what to do with all her delicate dreams
But you're too terrified to be of any help

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We don't take requests
We won't shut up and sing
Tell the truth enough you'll find it rhymes with everything

We've been testing you
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To see how long that you could hold it in before you screamed
But you only exhaled
And I don't think you even recognize the sound of your voice
When it's blasting through the speakers in the sky
And if your words add up to nothing then you're making a choice to sing a cover when you need a battle cry

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