## **Three Pretenders**

Three pretenders forced their entry There wasn't time to defend or attack Somewhere inside I held their fury But one by one my defenses began to crack

The first became a voice from my childhood Without a world to call his own Asking questions but doubting the answers And too confused to stand up and face it alone

I can feel my body tremble Like an animal under the gun Can you feel your body tremble Look in and see the eyes of Three Pretenders

The second came a shadowy hustler Selling anything not nailed to the groud He put a price on my resistance And if it's high, I know he'll be marking it down

The third became a mysterious traveller Stormy words like sea-weathered sails His life was scarred with peaks and valleys A haunted kingdom crumbling against the gales

I can feel my body tremble Like a child afraid of the dark Can you feel your body tremble Look in and see the eyes of Three Pretenders

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