

## Blood Related

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Dinner table silence  
Internal teenage violence  
Staring in my father's stress-filled eyes  
His back was probably hurting  
From life's financial burden  
Same type of pressure I've internalized

'Cause time it flies and fire dies like candles on a cake  
College debt and cigarettes, and all our shared mistakes  
It's a vicious cycle that nobody can escape  
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She lived the life they taught her  
Had a son, she had a daughter  
A martyr for her children's happiness  
In a picture of her past life  
Her future looking so bright  
Smiling in her Easter Sunday dress

Summertime and light blue eyes and love that likely fades  
Wedding dress, white picket fence pressure to pro-create  
It's a vicious cycle that nobody can escape  
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Amidst a mid life crisis  
Left up to your own devices  
Staring at your half-full glass of wine  
'Cause you gave them the cold shoulder  
But I'll bet before it's over  
You're gonna wish that you had more time

'Cause time it flies and fire dies and people will make mistakes  
Photographs and epitaphs and flowers on a grave  
It's a vicious cycle, it's a never-ending fate  
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