

# Deadstick

## King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard

There once flew a pilot, high and free  
Danced with the clouds  
Pirouetted with the breeze  
But out of synch to the mechanical beat  
That pulsed at the heart of the metal machine  
Thought of their partner and thought of their kids  
Thought where they're going and thought where they'd been  
But a subtle change  
The routine shattered  
Prepare the mind  
Arrange the matters

Deadstick (deadstick)  
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I'm a bird with a broken wing  
Deadstick (deadstick)  
Deadstick (deadstick)  
This nightingale can't sing  
Yeah!

I wake with a retch to the smell of ammonia and my eyes start watering  
A shadow?  
A body?  
"Who are you?" I say when a voice cracks like a frozen lake  
"I am your child  
You are my mother and I'm sitting here dying"  
I say "I got no children, I am but a boy, you are mistaken"

She sings "Follow me down through the wind and the earth to the edge of the  
forgotten seas"  
"Save me from the hurt"  
"Tell me of my worth"  
"A phantom is taking everything"

Deadstick  
Death wish  
Panic in the cockpit  
Praying in the cabin  
We're all holding hands

Deadstick  
Death wish  
Lost all propulsive  
Propellers ain't spinning  
Being forced to land

Deadstick  
Death wish  
We're shutting off the engines  
Blues skies are turning a darker grey  
Deadstick  
Death wish  
Heading for the smoking hole in the airfield  
I can't locate

Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! Save me!  
I'm in a tight spot

Catastrophe  
Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! Save me!  
I'm 'bout to make a crash landing

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I'm a bird with a broken wing  
Deadstick  
Deadstick  
This nightingale can't sing  
Yeah!

Deadstick  
Death wish  
I can't believe we made it out alive  
Deadstick  
Death wish  
Send me help before I die