

# Everlasting

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Being honest just got you in trouble  
So your mind is liquor and rubble  
And in all of your lonely spaces  
Sits attractive, irrational thinking  
Like why can't you just get up, get out  
Leave your wife and your kid and your house  
Stamp the fire and start one anew  
Like the darkness that's growing in you?  
Leave the age on your face, the dog on the couch  
Leave the pain in your knee, the teeth in your mouth  
Leave the yells in the halls, the paint on the walls, and start  
living?

Golly, boy, you're such a fool  
Don't you know we count on you?  
Grit your teeth and make us proud  
Fake it when you don't know how

Is your brain singing songs to itself?  
Are the miles calling for help?  
Do your words taste real when they're belted?  
Does your mind feel good when it's melted?  
We're all here when you are not present  
We're all here when you're out and irreverent  
We're all here when you're lost to the static  
When you act as if you're made for acting  
We're all here when the shame pokes the back of your brain  
We're all here when you're drunk, and you still won't abstain  
We're all here when you treat your life like life everlasting

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Grit your teeth and make us proud  
Don't act like you don't know how