

## The Fullness Of Time: III. Release

### Redemption

Lying here surrounded  
By the pieces of my life  
Would it all be easier  
If I lay me down to die

Dreams piled high  
On the back of this broken man  
Is this all? Born to fall?  
Or to rise again?

So much pain and disillusionment  
Everything I once felt sure about  
We're all lost if we don't know  
It's a game that we are all playing

The motions of all our counterparts  
A piece of sinister scheme

The puppet that's broken has reason to smile  
They can no longer force him to dance on their strings  
Why shrug off the chains? If you wrap them about  
You'll be sunk to the bottom and drowning

The clockwork behind their smiles  
Wound by hands that were made to harm

Just release yourself  
Cause they can't rape the willing  
Or take what you have if there's nothing else  
Tired of life and filled with despair  
And covered with blood from the crosses I bear  
But I'm still standing  
Should I make myself crawl?

Seems so counter to our nature  
Accepting with grace the things we can't change  
But when all's said and done and you're wronged and deceived  
Then it matters the most what you choose to believe  
Should I fight against fate  
Or should I just lay down and die?

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The puppet that's broken has reason to smile  
But the strings can't control you if you walk away  
No more tears of disillusionment  
I'll be a puppet no longer

The hands that I thought had held me  
The clockwork behind their smiles  
They'll not have control over me  
I'll stand up and leave them behind

Just release yourself  
Cause they can't rape the willing  
Or take what you have if there's nothing else  
Tired of life and filled with despair

And covered with blood from the crosses that I bear  
But I'm still standing  
Should I make myself crawl?

Just release yourself  
From the scars you inflict on yourself  
When you're wounded by no one else  
Rise above pain, move past my despair  
And put down the cross that I've made myself bear  
Now I'm still standing  
And I'm not gonna crawl