

# Wearing The Inside Out

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From morning to night I stayed out of sight  
Didn't recognize I'd become  
No more than alive I'd barely survive  
In a word...overrun

Won't hear a sound  
From my mouth  
I've spent too long  
On the inside out  
My skin is cold  
To the human touch  
This bleeding heart's  
Not beating much

I murmured a vow of silence and now  
I don't even hear when I think aloud  
Extinguished by the light I turn on the night  
Wear its darkness with an empty smile

I'm creeping back to life  
My nervous system all awry  
I'm wearing the inside out

Look at him now  
He's paler somehow  
But he's coming around  
He's starting to choke  
It's been so long since he spoke  
Well he can have the words right from my mouth

And with these words I can see  
Clear through the clouds that covered me  
Just give it time then speak my name  
Now we can hear ourselves again

I'm holding out  
For the day  
When all the coulds  
Have blown away  
I'm with you now  
Can speak your name  
Now we can hear  
Ourselves again

He's curled into the corner  
But still the screen is flickering  
With an endless stream of garbage to...curse the place  
In a sea of random images  
The self-destructing animal  
Waiting for the waves to break

He's standing on the threshold  
Caught in fiery anger  
And hurled into the furnace he'll...curse the place  
He's torn in all directions  
And still the screen is flickering  
Waiting for the flames to break