

## Serpent At The Gates Of Wisdom

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Serpent at the gates of wisdom  
Curling round a tree  
With your eyes so dark and empty  
Looking straight through me  
How did you get so unwinding?  
Do you know my sins?  
When you're so close to the answer  
Why don't you go in?  
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Who did you deceive?  
She was weak, but that's no reason  
For what you did to Eve  
You're a fool-you broke the stillness  
She gave birth to desire  
Rolling down the frozen highway  
Like a burning tyre  
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Where do you belong?  
Wisdom cannot be transmitted  
It keeps you hanging on  
Do you really serve the Devil  
If it's all God's plan?  
Good and evil need each other  
Honey I'm your man  
Serpent at the gates of wisdom  
Like a purple scar  
Leering at me round the dashboard  
As I reach my car  
I close the door, I start the engine  
And I will take control  
God above, and all his angels, have mercy on your soul