

## Say Uncle

Sage Francis

Eternal flame above my headstones  
The set that I claim is null  
X made of bones as revenge for the decaying skull  
A raging bull 'til I'm paid in full  
They wanna put my face in her penny then discontinue me, I'm still grateful  
If we're not allowed to age gracefully  
I'm putting it all out on the table, exactly what will you take from me?  
Choose carefully cause a magical head  
Has no phantom power source and the battery's are dead  
Supposed to keep my head up, at the same time drop my shoulder  
To plow through the nonsense, since I've gotten older  
I've replaced too many parts in this motor  
Mama said "knock down the house - start over"  
Sometimes it feels like life is too long, but not forever enough  
One day you can't give it away, the next you basically beg for the stuff  
Medical breakthrough, buy your time, sell it to us  
For heaven is an electrical pulse, an adrenaline rush  
The metal will rust, rust never sleeps if it's death and taxes  
Get a better conversion rate on cash because the past is a foreign land  
But futuristic looking doormats  
Sitting aside of our present home which really isn't all that  
So we started taking pictures with vintage filters  
The village is all starting to shop at Urban Outfits  
I couldn't distinguish any specific difference  
Betwixt small town hicks and big city slickers  
Homogenous time zone from Westcoast to Eastcoast  
Now I'm so post-post that I'm pre-post  
Beat most at their own game  
I try to eat toast that's wholegrain  
And I don't need to bo-bo-bo-bo-bo to blow brain  
Make 'em say uncle  
I don't give up, I don't give in  
What's with this polluted gene pool that we all swim in?  
This is 5 foot 10 inches of wishful thinking  
I never signed a social contract so in fact there's no rescinding  
You can kindly cross my name off  
I've been living a double life to work a double shift that never paid off  
This is the second sunset I've seen since take-off  
If life is a cakewalk I'll serve you in the bake off

Make 'em say uncle, make 'em say uncle  
Who? Make 'em say uncle - huh  
Make 'em say uncle - who?  
Make 'em say uncle, uncle  
You know what I am  
Say what, say what?  
I'm a bad, bad man  
Make 'em  
Make 'em say uncle, make 'em say uncle  
Who? Make 'em say uncle - huh  
Make 'em say uncle - who?  
Make 'em say uncle, uncle  
Drowned by the bloods that's on their hands  
Say what, say what?  
Got damn

The gravedigger creeps into the crypt then strips the bed

To find agendas that are hidden like pigeon eggs  
Instead he finds nothing, only ink dipped feathers  
And a sense perhaps the homie's homing instincts been severed  
The coupes been fled to recoup on these boots of lead  
Can't hear the primal screams or see through the red  
I represent the late bloomers with great rumors to spread  
Our brain is like an inflated tumor in the head  
Now build a mountain of bills and debt climb it with a velvet rope  
The creditors can't find you with a telescope, run tell your folks  
You love them dearly, but it's time for the birdie to fly  
Pack some self-addressed envelopes and kiss the world goodbye  
You on our own with celestial oats to the sow  
Extraterrestrial souls in 'em, you're a homegrown information capsule  
With increased value the more you travel  
Don't let them plant you in the gravel  
Even shackles have shackles, that's a shadow reference  
We like to break the chains of darkness and we ask for seconds  
It's the heart of the Oliver Twisted calling on all mystics  
I don't advocate the Diablo, Pablo runs the repo men resistance  
It's a four decade's worth of first impressions, youngin  
Death comes in three's, you're soon to see the second coming  
But dad told me I was destined for something  
Despite the fact that I felt like less than nothing  
He said "Fuck 'em, gotta make 'em say uncle"

I'm not just an uncle, I'm somewhat poet  
I'm a dead milk mental  
An obscure top ten list essential  
Welcome to the incredible shrinking Indian giving tree  
Time to return the sap, that shit isn't free  
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