## **Howard's Tale**

## Sick Puppies

Age five, just a little boy shy Is he ready for the big surprise He'll be playing Lego in a dream When the shadows come to life

Age nine and he should've been fine With a secret he's sure to keep Two times had to tell a little lie For the sake of him and me

Now it's over I need closure

Hey, look what you did to me When you were taking me home Getting me stoned Leave me alone I waited for mum to comfort me But when I opened my mouth "Don't say nothing, shh"

Age twelve and it isn't going well Now it's 3 years to the day Confused, but unlike you This feeling won't go away

Sixteen and the woman down the street Has invited him to come inside The first time, it didn't feel right It'll be the last time he tries

Hey, look what you did to me When you were taking me home Getting me stoned Leave me alone I waited for mum to comfort me But when I opened my mouth Don't say nothing's wrong I won't say nothing's wrong

I won't say, I won't say I won't say, I won't say I won't say, I won't say

Seventeen, all he's ever seen Is living in between the lies It's kind of funny how a mind Can keep living in denial

Eighteen is a very strange scene He's still playing with the past Expelled, maybe someone could've helped If someone had known to ask

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Nineteen and he's innocently Parked right beside a school He stares at a boy sitting there And the boy stares at him too He walks over He needs closure