

Downhill

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Fingers yellow from the cigarette smoke
Heart broke from a girl back home
I dunno, six beers, this fear of growing lonely and old sets in
Couple shots and it's gone
Bloody knuckles and a hole in the wall
Scratchy throat from singing love songs at the top of my lungs
Awkward and young, caught me bein' sloppy and drunk, I regret it
Still ain't even close to gettin' sober yet, the liquor tryna kill me
Grip the bottle like a cobra's neck
My ship is in a bottle, put the cap over the open end
You locked me out the bedroom
I been sleeping on the sofa bed but that was years ago
Your ghost is like my only friend
These days she stays trapped inside my bones and veins
I wonder if I did it all again would it be different?
When you yelled at me to be a better man I wish I listened
And I was wrong, now I'm gone, watching from a distance

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And I've been filthy but I always did my best for you
I did my best for you

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One more makes me say your name
Three shots and I really relax
One more brings back all the pain
And it's all downhill from here
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The tattoos on my face are fading quickly from the sun
I bet you'd love to see me now, you always said that they were dumb
I tried cleaning up my act a bit, you wouldn't know the half of it
I haven't been wasted at the flea market for months and that's a big improvement
I ripped my blue jeans and got some new ones so I didn't look so slummy at the pub
I think that I've matured, I guess I needed to be hurt
I guess I really needed silence so you really could be heard
Damn, voice raspy, bad habits dug they claws in
Burying the skeletons I kept inside the closet
The bourbon and the cigarettes and Ativan I'm poppin'
Got me calmer than the sea, swallowed keys keep me locked in

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