

## Let The Healing Begin

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I've kept it inside much too long  
There's no relief  
Carry it around just like a stone  
Too heavy for me

I have paid the price of standing  
On the outside looking in

It's time to let the healing begin

A boy is strung out he's going through hell  
His mother weeps  
His spirit is broken and there's nothing left  
Just a terrible need

And the days are marked by the heaviness of the heart  
It never mends  
Until the healing begins

And the tension prowls the streets like an animal  
The people stay behind their locks and chains  
It's a shame  
When so many are trying their best to live as one  
And the smoke from the fires covers up the sun

A young girl is lying in the dirt  
Her dreams ended there  
Caught in the crossfire on somebody's turf  
Hatred in the air

It's a voice that never sings  
A winter without the spring  
It never ends  
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