

The Gallows

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There's a chill in the air today
The kind you feel only when it's being taken away
"Tomorrow" isn't a word I'll say
Just me and my dark collection of yesterdays
You want me to plead for my life?
When all I've ever done is bleed from the strife of it
Don't stop to think if it's ethical or not
But if it's a spectacle you want...

So this is what it's come to
How relieving to see that it's me and not you
I'm still in line, killing time, humming some tune
Yeah I'll be singing and swinging until my lungs blue
I guess I could've done business different in hindsight
Always the dynamite razing my way through knife fights
Safer on the sidelines but craving the limelight
Executioner, baby, you know I like it tied tight
Thinking back to how all of this even started
I was navigating, creating in lands uncharted
Wanted to leave you breath-taken and broken-hearted
How fitting now that the rope's around my carotid

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Standing here is such an honor
I hear you cheer and I'm a goner (woo hoo)

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"Last words?" the man in the hood is asking me
I heard you weren't so good with blasphemy
Is it too late to take a torch being passed to me?
Guess I'm down to hang if you're saying that's how it has to be
Pass the mic, life was nothing but a sad joke
Death's a blessing, no stressing 'bout being mad broke
Man I'm just kidding but sinning was hella rad though
Forever laughing to mask how I never had hope

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Faces in the crowd but I stare at the pavement
It's hard to swallow how my pain's your entertainment
You applaud, can't even pay your respects right
Pray to God that you don't see me in the next life