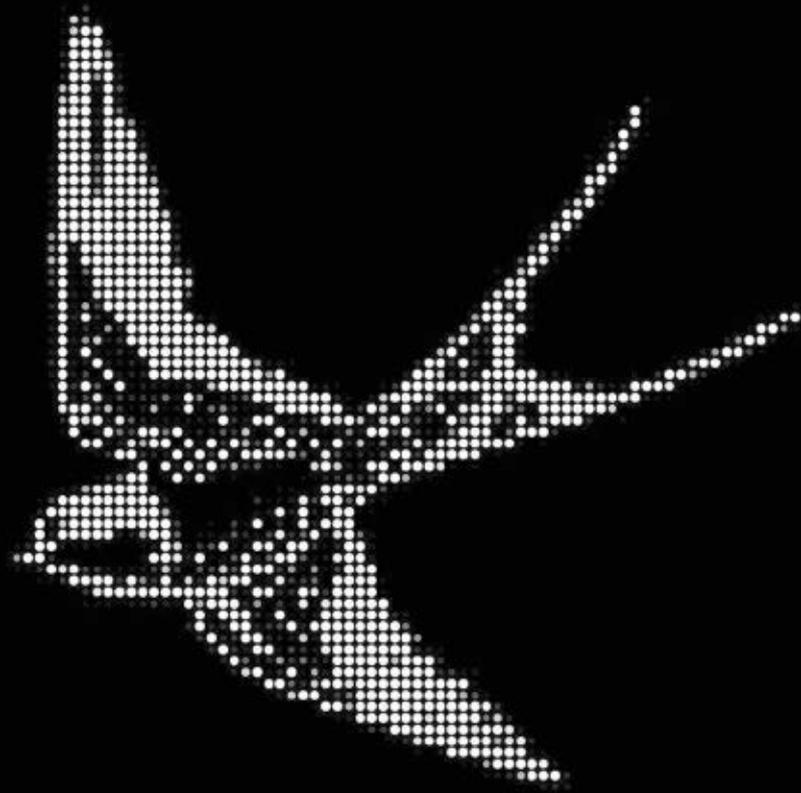


# swallowfall



Murmuration



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## Darkest Before the Dawn

I walked forever,  
Seeing you face wherever  
My weary eyes would rest,

Crown forsaken  
Ransoms taken  
Never again returned to me

I am a fragile fortress, torn by hollow horses  
No battle abandoned left outside

I am the north wind blowing, warmth and light foregoing  
I sweep away all thoughts of purity.

Winter became the springtime  
Slowly the blue skies drawn  
Longing like grey cloud lingers

Its darkest before the dawn  
Darkest before the dawn

In the dark I wonder,  
Feelings pull me under,  
All fabric falls away

Stillness, half light,,  
Sleep I can't fight  
I feel the forest reaching, greeting me

Cold replaced by fire,  
A life that will conspire  
To show the the warmth that grows inside

Grow out and reaches  
So much it teaches  
About the fear that consumes our thoughts

## Falling Sky

Welcome stranger  
Into my world  
As you are

Forced together  
A bond forever  
Never part

World unfolding  
A distant warning  
Not quite right  
Not quite true

Silence golden  
Truth beholden  
To the lies  
Always lies

Knew somebody  
Someone new  
Someone true  
Someone else

Truth forsaken  
Man mistaken  
Someone else  
Who are you ?

Colour me Crimson  
The love and treason  
In my heart

Circled pathways  
Lead me far  
Far from home  
Far from you  
Hang on to my warm embrace  
To my tethered hold  
Just a heart beat away

Round and Round in circles  
Round and round we go  
A Playground twist  
Our hands let go

Once there was you and me now there's only me and the falling skies -  
Like Satellites held together - gravity will always pull you down - pull you down

## This World

A warm wind blows through the city  
And it speaks your name  
No asking for pity, no others to blame

You started so strong - you believed in yourself  
You had the clearest view  
But Listening to others was never your strong  
point  
They doubted you

This world could not contain you  
Put out your fire, or stop your fall from grace  
All the love could not sustain you  
When darkness came and daylight started to  
fade

Where are the friendships, where are they now ?  
Once was so may but now so few.  
The circus the clowns and the money that is gone  
They're calling you

You knew of the dangers- Icarus climbing  
Getting so high

## Justify

Out of the dark into the light  
Once was blind now with sight  
You took my love you took my soul  
You took my life and made me whole

I was alone and so nieve  
Held my heart and made it bleed  
Your strength the way you walk so tall  
Your promise to never let me fall

by your promises  
trust your words  
drown so gently  
Don't walk way  
Justify my Heart

First you smile and then you stare  
How did we get from here to there  
You brought me Flowers three days old

## Skin and Bone

I sit and watch the dusty road  
I wonder where my life has gone  
From the ashes of an eastern sea  
I carry your guilt as my heavy load

From a world where people know their places  
I stand astride that point of view  
At my command the room is silenced  
One by one the faces turn

The crowd calls out for songs of isolation  
Make them secure, together again  
I offer no solace only taste of strange fruit  
Conscience clear their blinded consolation

All around are the lies that we have created  
Man on man father on son  
Where is the love for each and every other ?  
Processions prized and tolerance hated

I never hurt nobody but myself  
And that's nobodies business but my own  
We never know what's enough until we know  
More than enough - our skin is now our bone

## Creation

Like a tree in the winter  
Left barren and empty  
These memories  
Float down like dead leaves these roots hold no envy  
What will blossom brings plenty  
Nature's bio chemistry  
It is what it's meant to be  
Time,  
The universe's remedy  
I need time  
On my own to grow healthily  
Cuz together didn't work well for me  
Burnt the branches  
They fell from the tree  
Now I'm so hard to reach  
Now I'm so hard to reach

It's your own creation  
It's what you believe in  
Just do what you have to do  
Live your life and see it through

Lonely thoughts in the park  
Drift on by like the breeze

Climbing from the bottom  
Past is not a option  
Full up of hate, its best forgotten  
Hearts turnin rotten  
What a state  
Another blossoms  
Walking over crossings  
To find my place  
I find my self wide awake  
Find it hard to take a break  
Cuz waiting wont decide my fate  
Hard to place  
A word amongst my taste  
Whilst i stare at space  
Shoulders heavy I've had hard fken day  
Grafting til suns away  
Nothing but work rate  
Your works fake  
What have you begun?  
What have we become?  
Thrive to seed my creation to be  
Thrive to seed

My creation to be  
My creation to be

Lonely thoughts in the park  
Drift on by like the breeze  
Thrive to seed  
Thrive to seed my creation to be  
What have you begun?  
What have we become?

## Snowblind

I take a chance on you  
In spite of all your distance

Snow-blind and wilful  
I ignore your resistance

The cold reveals it all  
It questions my existence

Say that you see me  
Say that you see my face

I am frozen  
By blue light, held tight  
By the fear that steals my fight  
I am speechless  
I am hopeless and helpless  
As the cold it pulls me down

Frozen  
I am frozen

I am the face of shame  
Frozen in reflection

White as the snow  
Numbed by the rejection

I am the fear you dream  
In need of protection

Say that you see me  
Say that you see my face

My ice cold skin  
My glacial heart

Fading from view  
Clear distance apart

## Being Human

We are the fall  
The writing on the wall  
We are the end  
Nothing left to spend

We have no form  
No harbour from the storm  
We are just light  
The spirit in the night

When less is more  
When we open up the door  
We act as one  
And finally become

Our souls will speak  
Of the things we all seek  
What is the call  
Of humans after all?

Is it wrong to rely upon  
The people that we count on  
Is this what makes us human  
After all

## A Broken Man

Take my hand she heard him cry  
Too weak to even try  
A broken man sat by her side  
A stranger in her eyes

She'd seen him before  
She'll see him again  
She doesn't know how or where or when

Made and broken by this girl  
He must have her in his world  
No way to tell that he still cares  
Pain masked by vacant stares

He'd seen her before  
He'll see her again  
He doesn't know how or where or when

Too stubborn to see through all this pain  
Too scared that I'll see you here again  
Too confused to change my mind  
Too scared of what I'll find

I've seen you before  
I'll see you again  
I don't know how or where or when

## New Day Dawns

Lived in a time of innocence, of confidence  
Lived beyond our means those sunshine dreams  
Our world was pure, it was playful, it was hopeful  
Days were long with cloudless skies and summer highs

I know it's hard for you, for me  
Like the wind harms the sea  
You like a storm you like the rain  
The wind speaks lightly it calls out your name  
The new day dawns, the curtains drawn  
Our lives transformed we change our love like the weather

We promised each other to be together, last forever  
But days grew shorter and with the cold the leaves will fall  
The seasons change as they always have as they always will  
With winter came clouds and the rain  
Then the pain ....



## Shadow of your Smile

I closely follow your shadow  
It hides the sunlight from my eyes  
Through twists and turns your movement haunts me  
I pull my coat in - safe from the lies

You talk of your indifference  
To the weekends by the sea  
Your family fortunes are Monday's reminders  
That it's her instead of me

Strong is feeling and the tide that we swim against  
Silence my only form of defence

Sworn to silence  
Silence saves me  
Saves me from the  
Love that can't be  
Love relentless  
Heart defenceless  
A shadow of your  
smile

world of secrets  
Secrets and glances  
Random chances  
As life advances  
There's no truth to the lives we live apart



## Seize the Day

Tell me what you're thinking of  
Tell me what you're looking for  
What if I could Give you right now  
All the things you want and more

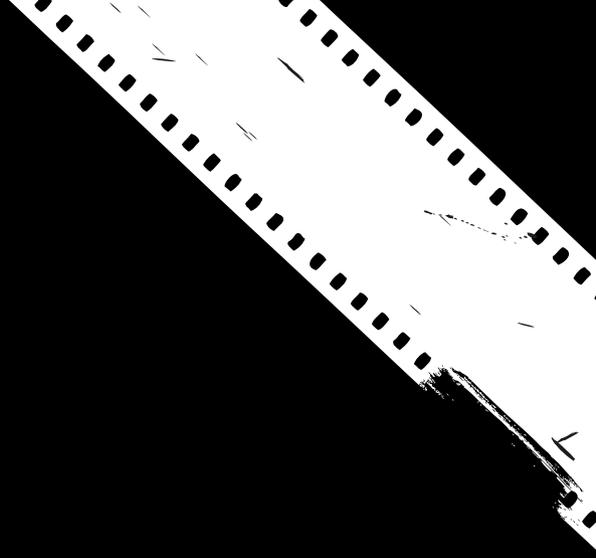
All the things you hold in your heart  
All possessions and all gold  
What if I show you a gift so precious?  
A truth you've never been told

Seize the day, know that nothing will last forever  
Seize the day - See the way  
And bare your soul find your voice  
Whatever whenever  
Seize the day come on Seize the day

When the bright lights start to fade  
And when the night time falls  
When the crowded bars are empty  
And when the curtain calls

There's no rest for the restless heart  
As you twist and turn and run  
As you make you plans and fan the flames  
Your work is never done

You may think there is no end  
On endless roads you drive  
You may think there is no moment  
As you stumble, as you strive



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