

A woman's silhouette in profile, facing right, is the central focus. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is a city skyline at night, with several prominent skyscrapers, including the Empire State Building. The scene is set in the rain, with numerous vertical streaks of water falling across the entire image. The overall color palette is a monochromatic teal and blue. The word "DELAY" is written in a large, white, serif font across the top of the woman's head.

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Growing Down

Narrative Lyrics

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For my late first muse

Most of the poetry in this book was written
as song lyrics and later put in this order
to tell a story

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*I ran.
Just away.
To find out
If that is my direction.
I did not flee.
Just decided.
It was my choice, mine alone.
To cut the knot
Of entangled suffering
Extracting
The thorn in their side.
And yet, I blame.
I have to.
Blame education.
The phrase growing up.
Was more a growing down.
But down there,
I learned a lot
About victims*

How to be a victim
From birth till death been told

How to be a victim
From birth till death, I've tried

And though my heart I've sold
To life and death, I've lied

"Life is ugly
Life is bad."
My mother's warning me

"Life is danger
Life is sad",
Was all my dad's to see

"So be calm,
So be silent",
Like your mommy's done

"Don't be angry,
Don't be violent",
That's for Daddy's fun

How to be a victim
To measure cost and use

How to be a victim
More to win and less to lose

And though my soul I've teased
- life has always been the beast

*So I learned from the beast.
To fear and praise it.*

*It fed on me.
It caged me.
It played me.*

*Not to fight.
Not to cry.
Not to speak.*

*So I listened.
And once I started listening,
There was no way out.*

*Every breath that kept me alive
Was water on that prayer wheel
Of what you told me.*

To find a reason at the start
and for that reason, play my part
To have an aim in every step
and so be save get in a trap
To think before I do – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

To see the best in everyone
and that my best I've never done
To mistrust everything I see
and that you're trusting me
To doubt before believe – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

To find a way of life my own
and never go this way alone
To know the end before the start
and to never trust my heart
To ask you what I feel – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

To free myself in what I do
and I'm ungrateful leaving you
To help you any way I can
and never tell you who I am
To see it positive – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

To prove I'll never tell a lie
and you can't stand to see me cry
To be afraid when I feel bad
and that I always make you sad
To regret my faults – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

To be the woman that I should
and that I'll never be too good
To look for every chance life brings
and what are good and useful things
To be your guiding light – you told me
and all I begged for was to hold me

You know me better than I do
and that I'm lonely without you
Everything on earth you told me
when I begged you for to hold me
I am your child at first – you told me
so I begged you for to hold me
all I ever begged for was to hold me

*How many times do you have to beg?
Unanswered?
Unheard?
One day I prayed.
How long does it take to believe
You lost your voice?
Just once I prayed.
And in the end, stop trying.
How long does it take to die?
There was one prayer -
Will it echo in my grave when I
Scream?*

Murdered sound
cries mistrusting tears
Buried under ground
dying for my fears

I've never learned in one to trust
for what it's meant to be
and how it sets one free
Whatever I believed I'd lost
though I kept it deep inside
I had no chance from life to hide

Murdered sound
lies for my survival
Buried under ground
denying my arrival

I've never been with one but me
been too afraid for one to reach
fight for identity I preach
Whoever tried be close to me
has always lost when it all ends
I'm used to bite all helping hands

Murdered sound
lives like stranded fish
Buried under ground
giving up to wish

I've sometimes felt the border near
which is my life to end
if I don't understand
Whyever can't I end my fear
my life has died inside
there's nothing left to hide

Dead-end sound
cries in voiceless screams
Buried under ground
forever lost it seems

I closed the door and hid the key
And still, I hope, one finds a way
though screams are all I have to say

*I ran.
Just away.
To find out
If that is my direction.
This place I call Away.
These people call me New.
In the mirror a defiant face.
It has been so long
Waiting
Searching
Trying
Now
Here
Could it be that day?*

How long that day is made to be
to ask you now, might be a crime
How long that way has been for me
to tell you now, I measure life by time

I'm on that way now since I've tried
to end or leave that darkest night
I've burned the world trying to fight
what I do fear in dark of night

How long that day I've been unknown
to tell you now, I'm spinning round
How long that way I've walked alone
to ask me now, I'm losing ground

I'm on that way now since that deal
I've made with life for not to feel
For with illusions, denied the real
but wounds of darkness they don't heal

How long that day I've searched the
door
to ask me now what was behind
How long that way I've cried for more
to answer me I'll enter mind

I'm on minds way for to know
where I'm to be when I let flow
I'm so afraid that way's in vain
cause to arrive always means pain

How long that day I'm hiding tears
to ask for now, I oceans count
How long that way wasted with fears
to tell you now, no measure's found

I've lost that way now - crashed in you
by losing all - the chance to win
I've only one thing left to do
Greeting the new day to begin

*There is somebody
Looking at me, talking to me
I still feel dazed, my feet still running
Things are so calm here, voices so sweet
I want to stay – Just a moment – Catch my breath
I have to do it – Now – Overcome the distance
Just one step – One move – Feels so far
Time holds its breath
I kept this dream
Of the one I know you should be
No prayer left
Looking in your eyes
With my last breath, I jump
Are you the one
My angel?*

Out of a mystic fairy tale
an angel looks at me
and no earth-made mirror may
tell me what he's to see

Before that look, I'd never known
that angels are for real
by his innocence, I'm shown
what I'm afraid to feel

By that angel's look, I'm caught
in his eyes so deep,
to his sacred world, I'm brought
by secrets, he's to keep

Out of all children's wonder-world
an angel came to me
and no earth-made book's to know
what angels are to be.

Before he came, I'd never known
there's angelness on earth
watching his innocence, I'm shown
reasons for children's birth

In that angel's world, I've learned
living without fight
in his sacred way he's burned
everything but light

Out of all lover's secret place
an angel touches me
and no earth-made word's to say
the way he sets me free

Cause before I'd never known
that I had to fall
to be by an angel shown
what love feels at all

*In the blink of an eye
I was lost
Caught in that dream
So tempting
A light growing brighter
Still flickering
Longing
To touch it
A mission impossible?*

Is it too much—I'm longing for?
More than others—I adore?
Is to be loved a foolish wish
Is love impossible to give?

Is to be wanted just a dream
Is love impossible to live?
One look at you is telling me

That you do want what you see,
And with one smile you're making
clear
The world is far, and you are near

Is it too much—I'm hoping for?
More than I earn—what I adore?
Is to be special just for you

Something impossible for me?
Is to be loved for what I am
Something impossible to be?

One touch of you is burning me
I feel the turning of a key
I know your kiss could be a door
So all I'm wanting now is more

Now I'm the fool
Dreaming of you
Am I just foolish
Are you true?

*What happend?
My head feels light
I hear you laugh
I know I said something stupid
And I don't care
I feel weightless
Drifting
Through space and time
There is light
So much light
And still I know
The Angel's asleep*

There is a place
beyond all time
a star's to shine

A spark in space
no one is there
but all do share

When angels sleep
earth won't turn
in dreams so deep,
eternity to burn

When angels dream
we listen to the sound
their breaths to stream
and our way may be found

Where is that place,
where is the door,
we're longing for?

Who knows its face,
for all to feel,
in dreams so real?

When angels lead
on secret way
through fires heat
then fly you may

When angels fly
beyond with you
your fears do die
for illusions do

What kind of place,
we'll find one day,
to end our way?

And in whose face
at last we'll see
the angels key?

If that angel's you,
do you know the way,
in our dreams to stay?

If I'll try to do,
will you stay beside,
will you be my guide?

If that angel's me,
on that secret way,
we may fly some day.

And if I am the key,
will you turn around,
that key to higher ground?

That angel's dream
I'm longing for
like moonlights beam
knock at your door

That angels sleep
with you to share
in dreams so deep,
while angels care

*Something is sparkling
All around me
Chances
In your laughter
In your eyes
Sparkling around us
A vision of
Music*

You are a lonely dancer
Waiting for a chance
Moving each direction
Waiting for your dance

I am a music maker
Waiting for so long
Listening in each direction
Waiting for my song

Where is the way—from me to you?
Which is the word—this job to do?
You are a lonely dancer
Hoping for a chance

Trying each formation
Hoping for your dance
I am a music maker
Hoping for so long

Playing each formation
Hoping for my song
When is the time—for us to be?
Where is the place—we can be “We”?

I’ve heard your dance
Searching my song
You’ve watched my voice
Searching so long

Are we so strong,
To turn the key,
To dream the dream,
Music to be?

This is a story. Is a song.

This is a journey. Is an escape.

This is love. Is loss.

This is a cage. Is freedom.

This is about life and the one thing a human needs to survive.
Is about connections.

This is Delay. Is coming soon 😊

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