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# ALTERANT

H O N O R   S Y S T E M



# LONGEVITY

Lyrics by Callum Howle

Break my fall now

Trapped in a never-ending

Destruction of my frame

I've come to know that I will never be the same

Cease to breathe life

I always thought I'd be free

From the ravages of passing time

My body burns in the revelation

Mistaking what is mine

No longer volatile

We crave a likeness to our foregone youth

We run and we hide from substance

To save us from this dread filled truth

So guide me

See my vision

Need to break free

From this prison

We wither and we die

Breathe life

# BLEEDING OUT

Lyrics by Andy Cizek

Something's gotta give - I can't go on like this

Delicate foundations crumble down

Down to nothing, a home unfit to live

Can't forgive the ones who crossed me

I've been torn away from all that I love

Leaving me a hollow shell of what I once was

Betrayed, misled, left me for dead

With no trace of the bond we once shared, my soul impaired

It's too late, fates have changed - drowning in the silver lake

I can't feel anything - reap the fruits of your mistakes

Calling your name, I'm lead astray into the flames

Falling from grace, enduring the pain of your dismay

You said you wanted what was best for us

As I fell victim to your poison touch

Breaking obligations, shaking our foundation

I felt those piercing eyes

I saw your crooked smile

I failed to recognize the truth within your wicked lies

Now I can see farther, beyond what lies on the surface

You made me a martyr for something I don't believe in

And I'm bleeding out

Bleeding out - now



# FIGHT

Lyrics by Callum Howle

Trapped inside  
My head is slowly turning  
Demented  
My heart is undiscerning  
Defy this lack of self belief I've wrapped myself in  
Forcefully push through ugly notions I'm creating

Incarcerated eyes  
With no hope left in sight

For all this time, I knew  
These thoughts were a lie but I kept them inside  
A prison without bars I've come to find, keeping me blind

Separate reality from vision  
They won't take my soul and my ambition  
I will not let this parasite keep taking over  
Fight 'til the bitter end and finally find some closure

Take all the strength inside  
To move forward and fight  
Take all the strength inside  
Move forward

Fight  
Move forward and fight

Fight through the omen, to learn to own it, to take control of yourself  
Smite cynicism, we need to listen, we will take back ourselves

# SUNSET

Lyrics by Andy Cizek

The cold sweat, vivid pain, vicious tremors, my nightmare

I feel my mind being eaten alive  
Time after time, I'm force-feeding lies

I feel my body grow weak, now I can no longer breathe  
Malevolent poison takes control of me

My soul begs to be set free, can't find the courage to speak  
Trapped in a broken dream, and all is lost in reverie

Save me - the sun never sets here anymore  
Break free - I run from the wounds I can't restore

Tearing flesh, searing flames, lost forever, in despair

Ignore the signs as I cover my eyes  
Cutting the ties, I head towards the light

Aching - the sun never sets here anymore  
Shaking - I run from the wounds I can't restore

Save me, break free, remedy this disease  
Aching, shaking, conquer the enemy that controls me so I can breathe

Agony lets me see all my dreams could never be  
Prying at a lock without the key

Feeling lost, at what cost? Vicious cycle, surround me

Fall from the sky, nowhere to hide  
Reach for the light, I'm drowning



# HOLLOW

Lyrics by Callum Howle

First thing's first: I've never been a nihilist  
I'm just the end product of all our emptiness  
Corrupt in every sense of the word  
We are following a lie, lest we break from the herd

In God we trust - but don't forget, the segregation's a must

Splitting and pitting us against each other  
And wrecking the homes that we built one another  
I think it's time we stand and reclaim  
Tearing, uncaring belief in the systems  
That build the machines and the Earth is the victim  
I think it's time we altered the game

In God we trust - how long before this world turns to dust?

Like moths to flames, drawn towards the warm light  
Feeling no shame, no sorrow

Selling our souls so we fill up our pockets  
Engulfed in corruption and nothing can stop it  
I think it's time we stand and reclaim  
Breaking the youth in the world that we've made for them  
Hiding the truth 'til they start the cycle again  
I think it's time we altered the game

Like warriors run towards the war's blight  
We're all the same, born hollow

In God we trust - we turn it all to dust

# FRAGILE

Lyrics by Andy Cizek

I can see this once-divine land rot in atrophy  
A century of bloodshed  
Red lights take over the skies to mark the demise of a war-torn nation  
And so I've risen again to put forth the end of a dark creation

Careful as I walk this deadly path  
Just as the well runs dry, dark clouds block out the sunshine  
Fearful souls writhe in the aftermath  
Horrors abound 'til dawn, but I must carry on

Take these fragile hands and calm the storm that rages inside  
Make me whole again - rebuild these walls to keep us alive

Save yourself from me, rewrite the prophecy  
No truth can set you free, it ends in suffering  
Vengeful spirit never laid to rest  
A terrible design, I feel it in your bloodline  
Scorch this earth until there's nothing left  
Another creature spawns, these battles carry on

Wake me from this nightmare - I've seen the end  
In the demon eye's glare - I can't forget

Bound by sorrow, I grow desperate  
Come tomorrow, we'll be helpless

I can feel your spirits fading  
Fragile souls are not worth saving now



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# PARASITES

Lyrics by Callum Howle

To our core, we're rotten - have we forgotten

To shield these lands? To understand?

Seas that once were sacred - now harsh and tainted

Dissatisfied - we're parasites

We will reap all that we sow, this world is a home

For demons from below we'll never atone for

Toy with the promise of death's invitation

Just another phantom of our liberation, it's gone

The will to defy, to change everything we've learned

The drive to align the stars and the sun leaving no stone ever unturned

Hope for a savior

To our core, we're rotten

Vision lost, have we forgotten?

We failed to shield these lands

We'll never understand

Hear the rain, fall down from above

Destroying all we love, drowning in the flood

To our core, we're rotten - vision lost, have we forgotten?

We failed to shield these lands - we'll never understand

'Cause we're too far gone

Seas that once were sacred, have become now harsh and tainted

We're so dissatisfied - and now we're parasites

# SUPERCHARGER

Instrumental

# HOME

Lyrics by Callum Howle

You said you'd never leave

That you'd never give up on me

Lonely and afraid

Haunted by the rain, hold me

It never was enough

In spite of all that you gave us

Buried in disdain

No one left to blame but myself

A distant memory is all you'll ever be

Now that I'm left on my own

Cuts down to the bone, help me

The promises I made can never be unbroken

Heart fading away

Longing for the day you'll come back home

Now that you're gone

All I can feel is the hole that you left here

Trying to heal

Now that you're gone

All I can feel is the hole that you left

Dying to heal, come back home



# ILLUSIONS

Lyrics by Callum Howle

View life through a screen - the true connection remains unseen  
Feeling and emotion overthrown - we are one but we are so alone  
This can't be the way it ends - live to emulate and pretend  
We form shackles of binary - integrated with nobody

Can't someone tell me

Try - is there nothing left to gain?  
Are you wasting away?  
You are fading but you're too afraid to say

We're sick, hollow inside - we put a filter over all mankind  
Timeless moments and memories missed  
But we're all too arrogant to admit  
Take a look around and see exactly what we have become  
Open your eyes and the whole world's coming undone  
Another mind in the darkness, set to break  
Do you want it all? Do you want the heartache?

Fight through emotionless years  
The thought elevates all our fears  
Existence has fallen off track  
Now we know there is no going back

Open eyes, see your demise

Experiencing life through false perception and illusion  
Experiencing life through false perception, another illusion



# UTOPIA

Lyrics by Brian Wherry & Callum Howle

Night is mine

Blood flows through the streets  
A haven for the crooks and cheats  
Infested with the scourge inside  
There's no escape, nowhere to hide

No laws enforced, no justice found  
Your futile screams won't make a sound  
I promise to settle the score  
'Cause I for one can take no more

Deep breath, grounded  
I have the strength to do this  
I've done the work, now I'm ready  
To bring you down  
To make you pay

One by one the foes will come  
Never ending, overrun  
As I strive to purify  
City streets will calcify

Shaking, heart racing  
No time for sorrow  
Concede mortality  
My pride to swallow

You terrorize while you lie and you steal, crooked  
The wounds and the scars that you leave will never heal  
For every time I catch you, I celebrate my virtue  
Imprison and dispatch you in the blink of an eye  
The emptiness inside your spirit is all that you have known  
This world's perfection is my limit and I'll stop at nothing

Deep breath, grounded  
I have the will to do this  
I've done the work, now I'm ready  
To bring you down  
To make you pay

They may never know all I've done to save them  
Accepting my failures, seeing the light  
They may never know - tragedies prevented  
Vision of utopia, forevermore

Hold me close  
Tell me it's over  
Take me home  
Fade away

Night is mine