



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

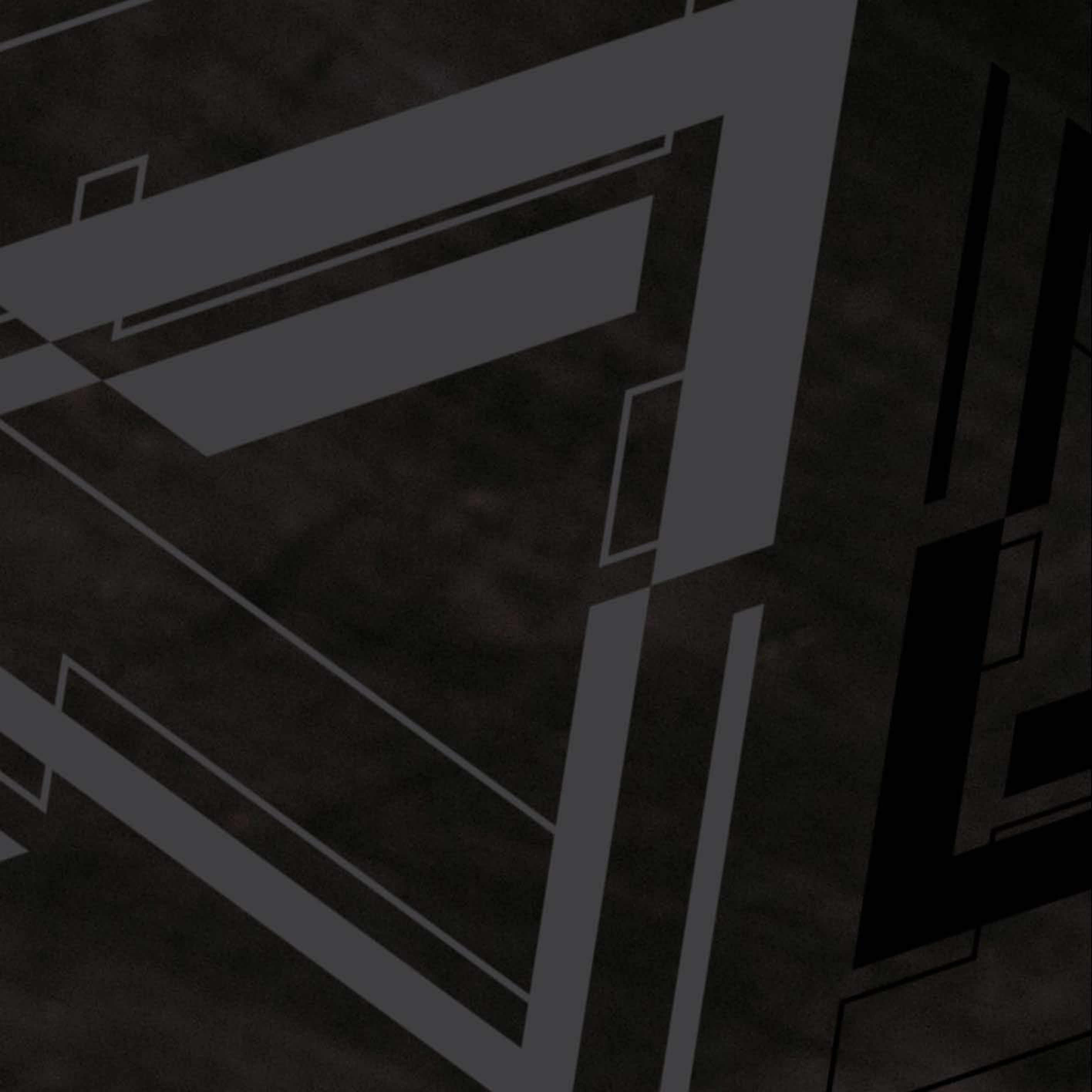
Try - is there nothing left to gain?
Are you wasting away?
You are fading but you're too afraid to say

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

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