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1977

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Keyboards, effects, and drum  
programming by Babak Govan*

## SUSPECT

You have lied to me  
You have drugged me  
You have bribed me  
You have killed me  
I've been bruised (by you)  
I've been let down  
I've been used by you  
I've been dragged around  
I've been looking for you  
I'm wondering  
If you know that life is cruel  
You were a suspect  
I was your victim  
You were a vampire  
I was your prey  
I was a suspect  
You were my victim  
I was a vampire  
You were my prey  
(pre-chorus)  
I've believed you  
I've trusted you  
I've given to you  
I've died  
(pre-chorus)  
(chorus)  
(chorus)  
I've been looking for you  
I'm wondering  
I am in, noticing you  
I've been victimized  
Suspect  
Suspect

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*Kamyar Nouri  
Lyrics written by Babak Govan  
Additional lyrics written by  
Kamyar Nouri  
Vocals, keyboards, and drum  
programming by Babak Govan  
Guitar and vocoder by Kamyar  
Nouri*

## BLOOD ON THE MIRROR

When the night is falling  
And you're lying wide awake  
Searching for memories  
Do you finally feel  
I'm piercing your skin  
But I can't make you bleed  
Your heart is steel  
Invented machinery  
Tell me how it feels  
Now you're real  
Tell me how you like  
To feel  
Bleed  
And let me know you  
Feel  
Me become you  
When the dream is gone  
And you're lying wide awake  
Searching for light  
Tell me if you find  
A way out  
(chorus)

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## SAVE ME

Come to me now  
And stay with me now

I need you to help me stand  
I need you to hold my hand  
I need some luck right now  
I've been traveling through a  
moonless sky  
I need you to shine a light  
I'm lost in the black of night  
I need a savior now  
I'm trembling like a little child  
Come on and hold me now  
Come on and help me out  
(verse 1)  
I need your shelter now  
I've been drowning in a storm  
And I need you to pull me out  
I've drifted a million miles  
(chorus)  
And if you could feel  
How my muscles shake  
When I'm caught behind the  
glass  
Between me and the world  
outside  
Then you would see  
My flesh has turned to bones  
My house to stones  
I can't fight this fight  
Alone  
I'm surrendering all I have right  
now  
I need you more than ever now  
My time is running out  
My soul  
It's breaking down  
Come on  
Come on  
Come on  
Come on  
And save me now  
(repeat)  
(repeat)

*Song and lyrics written by Babak*

Govan  
Additional arrangement by  
Kamyar Nouri and Ali Hagigi  
Vocals, piano, and keyboards by  
Babak Govan  
Guitar by Kamyar Nouri

## THE SOUND OF MY HEART BREAKING

This is a troubled time  
In a broken space  
Broken tears  
From a broken face  
Precious hymns  
Won't save anyone  
Even when I'm dying  
I'll be singing you my love song  
In my transparent chest  
You were a guest  
I kept you warm  
I kept you safe  
From bears and wolves  
That are chasing me now  
Through memories  
Through vacancies (It's a  
vacancy)  
And this is the sound of my  
heart breaking  
And this is the song that I'm  
crying  
It's a quiet time  
In this broken state  
My broken hands  
And broken faith  
Fragile lies  
Won't save anyone  
Even when I'm dying  
I'll be singing you my love song  
In your hidden chest  
You have a place  
That kept me warm  
That kept me safe

From bears and wolves  
But I can't stay there now  
It's a memory  
It's a vacancy  
And this is the sound of my  
heart breaking  
And I love to see you in pain  
If you are aching  
For me to love you  
Again

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Hagigi  
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Babak Govan  
Keyboards and key bass by Roger  
Joseph Manning, Jr.

## THE HOUSE INSIDE

Inside this house  
Is where I live  
My own master  
My own slave  
Inside this skin  
Is where I live  
Waiting for years  
For someone to look in  
People will follow you  
Around your neighborhood  
People will ask you about your  
clothes  
People will run to you to hear  
the good news  
They will take pictures of you  
These white walls  
They keep me safe  
But why  
No one really cares  
I'm a vagabond

In my own house  
I'm a stranger  
No one understands  
Because no one  
Wants to visit  
The house inside  
Inside this pain  
Is where I dream  
Of what it means  
To be free  
People will ask you  
About your mood  
But only if you change it  
When they're in the room  
These precious things  
I lay out for you  
You don't look  
Because you have them too  
(chorus)  
Because no one  
Wants to visit (me)  
The house inside

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Additional arrangement by Asanio  
Lara  
Vocals by Babak Govan  
Piano and background vocals by  
Asanio Lara

## FALL FOR ME

Come land at my feet  
And I'll pull the cables in  
Place you into my hand  
And stop your suffering  
I've got too much to tell you  
I need you to listen  
I've been waiting for you  
All that's left to you is to  
Fall for me  
Fall and fall hard for me

I'm begging you please  
Just fall for me  
(repeat)  
You can give so much to me  
And I'll give you everything  
Anything that you want  
And not just what you need  
(chorus)  
(repeat)  
Come  
To me  
Sing  
This song  
Stay  
Here  
And breathe  
Love  
(verse 1)  
(chorus)  
Please  
Please  
Please  
Please

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*Additional arrangement by Chris Ellis*  
*Vocals, keyboards, drum programming, and bell samples by Babak Govan*  
*Guitar and background vocals by Chris Ellis*  
*Glockenspiel samples by Roger Joseph Manning, Jr.*

## RUNNING IN PLACE

Wait  
It's impossible not to hate  
Life  
For the rules that we live by  
Thirty years

I've been waiting  
To go home  
I run and I run and I run  
But I can't get away  
There's no escape  
(repeat)  
Let me in  
Come on and let me in  
Let me in  
Come on and let me begin  
Wait  
It's impossible not to hate  
Life  
For the rules that we live by  
These dirty nails  
Are tired  
Of digging out  
(chorus)  
(repeat)  
(bridge)

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## THE DEEPEST CARESS

In the deepest caress  
Where the loneliness fades  
I touch your dress  
We both exhale  
And we leave our lives  
And float to the warmest light  
The most luscious dark  
Becoming a statue of lovers  
Forever together, and never  
apart  
In the deepest caress  
Where the hunger is fed  
I touch your dress  
We both exhale  
And we leave our lives

And float to the highest sky  
And into the deepest sea  
To lose all anxiety  
Away from time

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## WHAT AND WHY

Entered the world today  
Sorting uncharted waters and  
waterways  
Do you believe in what the  
prophets say  
What do you think about God's  
odd ways  
I touched the sky  
But you were playing  
Escaping the world and your  
own feelings  
Do you have a certain vision  
Escaping the world from your  
television  
But to you I'll say  
That I'll come through  
Because when you've bled  
I've bled with you  
And I ride this street like a dog  
tonight  
I'm a soldier who's been asked  
to fight  
But sometimes I don't know  
For what and why

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