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FROM THE OUTSIDE LOKING IN
SEE MY YOUTH SEE WHERE I'VE BEEN
I HAVE WISDOM I'M A SAGE
IN THIS BODY THAT HAS AGED

IN THE BEAUTY THAT IS YOUTH
THERE'S A CONFLICT WHAT TO DO
WAY BACK THEN I COULDN'T KNOW
THAT MY YOUTH WAS ON LOAN

I WAS DIFFERENT I WAS BOLD
I GOT BLASTED I GOT STONED
AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE
THAT I WAS BORN OUT OF MY FOLKS

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WHEN I WAS NEARLY TWENTY ONE
AND MY YOUTH HAD ALMOST GONE
WHY DID THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE
LEAD TO ANGER FEAR AND STRIFE

WAY BACK THEN I MIGHT HAVE SAID
LEAVE ME ALONE LEAVE ME IN BED
GO AND BOIL YOUR STUPID HEAD
WANT TO SCREW MYSELF TO DEATH

WHILE I WAS BUSY GETTING HIGH
GLORIOUS YEARS WERE FLYING BY
AND ANY WISDOM THAT I FAKED
CAUSED MISTAKE UPON MISTAKE

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I DREAMED THAT THE WORLD WAS THERE FOR ME
BUT THE WORLD DID NOT AGREE
YEAH THOSE YEARS
ALL THE ANGER PAIN AND TEARS
COULDN'T HOLD ME
OR CONTROL ME IN THOSE DAYS
YEAH THOSE DAYS

I WAS VIOLENT I WAS PROUD
HAD TO STAND OUT IN A CROWD
I WAS RIGHT AND I WOULD FIGHT
THAT REALITY THAT BITES

BLINKED AN EYE AND THEN I GREW
A BODY BEAUTIFUL AND NEW
I'LL NEVER DIE THAT IS FOR YOU
SUCH IS THE ARROGANCE OF YOUTH

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I WAS YOUNG I WAS WASTED IN MY YOUTH

AS THE TEENAGE EVENTUALLY AGES
LIKE THE INCREDIBLE HULK IN ONE OF HIS RAGES
THE KID THAT'S CONFUSED AND BARELY GROWN
IS BLASTED OFF INTO THE GREAT UNKNOWN
NOW IN THE MIRACLE THAT IS LIFE
WE MAY GROW MAY GROW OLDER WISER BOLDER
BUT GOD SAYS THAT IT'S A MIRACLE TO FAR
TO PUT AN OLD HEAD ON YOUNGER SHOULDERS
SO I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GET OLDER