

THE HOLE

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Em **Am**
THE OLD WOMAN FINALLY CAUGHT ME SNEAKIN'ROUND HER CAVE
Am **Am**
HER HAIR LOOKED JUST LIKE BARBED WIRE BOYS
Am **Em**
AND HER SMILE JUST LIKE THE GRAVE
Em **Em** **Am**
SHE ASKED ME COULD I STAY AWHILE; I SAID I'D BETTER GO
Am **Am** **Em**
SHE SLID HER ARM AROUND MY NECK AND SWEETLY WHISPERED "NO"

IT'S COLD AND DARK AND LONELY HERE AS SOON ENOUGH YOU'LL SEE
I'M OH SO GLAD YOU STUMBLED IN I'VE BEEN CRAVIN' COMPANY
I CANNOT STAY TOO LONG YOU KNOW I LEFT SOME FRIENDS AT HOME
DON'T YOU FRET ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS DOWN HERE WE'RE ALL ALONE

WHAT ABOUT MY MOTHER I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER THERE TO MOURN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HER JUST FORGET YOU WERE EVER BORN
I'LL DISAPPOINT MY FATHER YOU KNOW HE WORKED SO HARD FOR ME
IF YOU HAVE TO PAY YOUR FATHER BACK JUST SEND HIM SOME MISERY

I'LL MISS, I SAID, A GIRL I KNOW; I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THERE TO PINE
SHE'S STILL GOT PLENTY OF MEN TO GO I'M SURE SHE'LL DO JUST FINE
WHAT ABOUT MY LITTLE BOY SHE SAID, HE'S JUST LIKE YOU
LET A FEW SHORT YEARS ROLL BY HE'LL END UP DOWN HERE TOO

THEN HER PALE GREEN EYES BEGAN TO GLOW; SHE PLACED HER HAND ON MINE
SHE SMILED AND SAID DON'T WORRY YOU'LL GET USED TO ME IN TIME
AS HER COLD TONGUE FLICKERED TOWARD ME I SPUN MYSELF AROUND
MADE A DIVE FOR THE PASSAGEWAY BUT THE WALLS COME CRASHING DOWN

NOW HER EYES WERE THE ONLY LIGHT MY FEVERED BRAIN COULD SEE
BUT I TORE MYSELF AWAY FROM THEM AND FELL DOWN TO MY KNEES
I'VE COME TOO FAR, I CAN'T GET BACK; I BESEECH THE GODS OF MEN
FAME AND FORTUNE JUST LAUGHED AT ME THEN SILENCE ONCE AGAIN

A WHISPER DEEP WITHIN EMBRACE THE GOD OF LOVE
I LIFTED MY FACE AND THROUGH THE TEARS I SAW LIGHT FALL FROM ABOVE

I HURLED MYSELF INTO THE WALL I RIPPED AND CLAWED MY WAY
THROUGH THE STINKIN', CLINGIN' LOAM BACK TO THE LIGHT OF DAY
I CRAWLED OUT INTO THE WIND AGAIN THE SKY UPON MY FACE
I HEARD THE EARTH SIGH PATIENTLY AS IT SLID BACK INTO PLACE

NOW I'M BACK AMONG THE ONES I LOVE I'M LOVED BY THEM IN TURN
AND IT'S ONLY ON THE DARKEST NIGHT THAT GREEN EYED MEMORY BURNS
SO WALK MY FRIENDS, IN THE LIGHT OF DAY DON'T GO SNEAKIN' 'ROUND NO HOLES
THERE JUST MIGHT BE SOMETHING DOWN THERE WANTS TO GOBBLE UP YOUR SOUL

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