

The curtain call

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When the curtain lifts
and we finally see it was all an act

will we applaud the show
or begin to replace pretence with fact

my life depends on it
and your life too

for when I suffer
so do all of you

without me you move backward
repress, regress, unwind

with me you move forward
our fates are intertwined

this fight about life
will only end in death

because if he continues to control the show
like I, Mother Earth will take her last breath

we must lift the curtain on the puppet's master
and reveal how his strings hold everyone captor

for when all finally see how he has come to manipulate
he will no longer hold the power to control our entangled fate.

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