ELIJAH JONES

I saw a gravestone of a man long dead His name was Elijah Jones and his gravestone read "I walked this good earth, I had my time And now it's your turn, your chance at life"

Now most epitaphs speak of the deceased But this dead man's words seemed to refer to me And so that evening at that gravesite I pondered the meaning of a chance at life

We're like sparks rising from some great fire We flicker brightly, then we expire And for that fleeting glow, we pay a price Of pain and sorrow for a chance at life

But that fire burns on, it does not cease It made Elijah and it made me And I like to think that, on the day he died Its burning flames gave him comfort and light

And if I were an angel above the clouds Singing God's praises in a shining gown I'd dream of rain storms on summer nights And trade my wings for a chance at life I'd dream of rainstorms on summer nights And trade my wings for a chance at life

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