

ABSENT CHILD

from Top Beat

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(spoken)

Reggie:

Becoming my own

Birdman:

The face of becoming

Carmen:

The countenance of the unknown

Johnny:

A ghosting presence

Reggie:

The mask of the future

Birdman:

From the land of the dead

Carmen:

Childhood is a state of mind

Johnny:

It passes

Reggie:

It dies

Birdman:

It is regained

Carmen:

It remains

Johnny:

So does any age

Reggie:

It has always been

Birdman:

It is gone forever

Carmen:

The sound of the ancient ones

Johnny:

The cry of the newly born

Reggie:

The hope of the hopeless

Birdman:

Even in the ashes

Carmen:

There is room

Johnny:

For the breath of spirit

Reggie:

If you listen

Birdman:

You can hear it

Carmen:

Breathing

Johnny:

In what is left

Reggie:

Unspoken

Birdman:

Something comes to life

Carmen:

From ashes and bones

(sung by Carmen)

Verse 1

Absent Child

She was born out of an injury

Sprung out from an infirmary

Catapulted from a malady

Absent from where she's supposed to be

She's my absent child

Verse 2

You stay from me

I tell myself I don't think about you

I can live my life without you

And it doesn't mean that much to me

That you haven't been in touch with me

In a long, long while

Bridge

There's a hole in my heart filled with empty space

A hollow feeling I can't erase

Someone's gone that I can't replace

So I'll act, act as if I've been drinking

That my heart's not really sinking

And I'll act as if you actually feel the way I do

And I'll act as if you miss me and you love me too

Instrumental

(Verse 2)

(Bridge)