

# Death is a Terrifying Thing

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Death is a terrifying thing  
I don't know if it just means I'm getting older, but every day  
just seems more real  
I don't dwell on it like it's a monster under the bed that's out  
to get me  
I have much more reverence than that, I-I just fear it  
Like I fear God  
But, death has become another taboo topic, where simply asking  
questions are considered ignorance or considered stupidity  
But, the problem is, when I was a kid, I come from such a big family  
So it means that a lot of people died in my life  
And even though I've been to a lot of funerals, I still don't get it  
I still don't understand what happens, and I definitely don't understand  
why we have a ceremony for it  
I was told it was to celebrate life, but we did that when we were  
living  
So when I die  
Burn my body into ashes and use them to fertilize the tree in front  
of the funeral home that used to be my church  
The one across from the car dealership on Henderson in Porterville,  
California  
The one next to La Mission De Jesús, and make sure the tree hears  
you say, "You brought the most joy when I was a child, because you  
provided a place to exist outside of the walls I never understood"  
And promise me that the tree will someday die, too so she can see  
me again  
I still get caught up thinking of death I've seen  
When I heard my grandmother died, my mom didn't say, "Hey, grandma's  
dead," or "Sorry, son, but Grandma's passed," she said, "Son, your  
grandma's with the Lord now. She then continued, she's no longer in  
pain, she's no longer sick, she's finally at peace, she's finally happy."  
I guess if I was there during her final breath, I would look at her  
and say, "Thank you, your happiness gives my pain a purpose, I love  
you."

And my quiet resentment  
Turns to love I lose  
I forgot what you said  
I forget what you meant  
Quiet resentment  
Turns to love I lose  
I forgot what you said  
I forget what you meant  
I forget what you meant, I've been choking on nothing

Choking on nothing again  
Hoping for something  
Hoping for something to captivate my head

Death is real, I don't need an augmentation of the way that I think

It's easy to feel its embrace when your hands are on the edge of a cliff, looking at the brink of your own defeat

And you're afraid of real failure, so you live for fake success

You try to trace behavior in your own tattered dress

Hoping you'll be in a pine box long enough to feel alive

The irony is that it's the only way that we can still fight

But the moments that you'll never have back

I can tell you what I love, but I cannot tell you what I lack

From what I've experienced and what I think I can feel

You can't believe in love, if you don't believe that death is real