

## Red Ropes

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You said you'd show me the ropes  
As you tied me to the tracks  
Didn't help to struggle  
Lies are good as facts

For years and years you saw up and down  
You were over it  
Your eyes have seen the kingdom  
Born again misfit

Unraveling up time these truths  
Tracing all the writer's roots  
Red rope binds and fast embrace  
Some knots don't untie

Pray for forgiveness  
Cry for  
Because these ties that bind  
Don't come undone  
So fast as you'd believe  
Beg for a new heart  
Breathes but does not bleed  
And the red ropes are a viper's nest  
You can never lead

Having hired all the taints  
And fixed a hollow man  
You found a cure cure for a pain  
Swore you'd never hurt again

Always be a prized fire  
Even love begins the ropes  
You'll always be a liar  
Punch drunk on busted hope

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