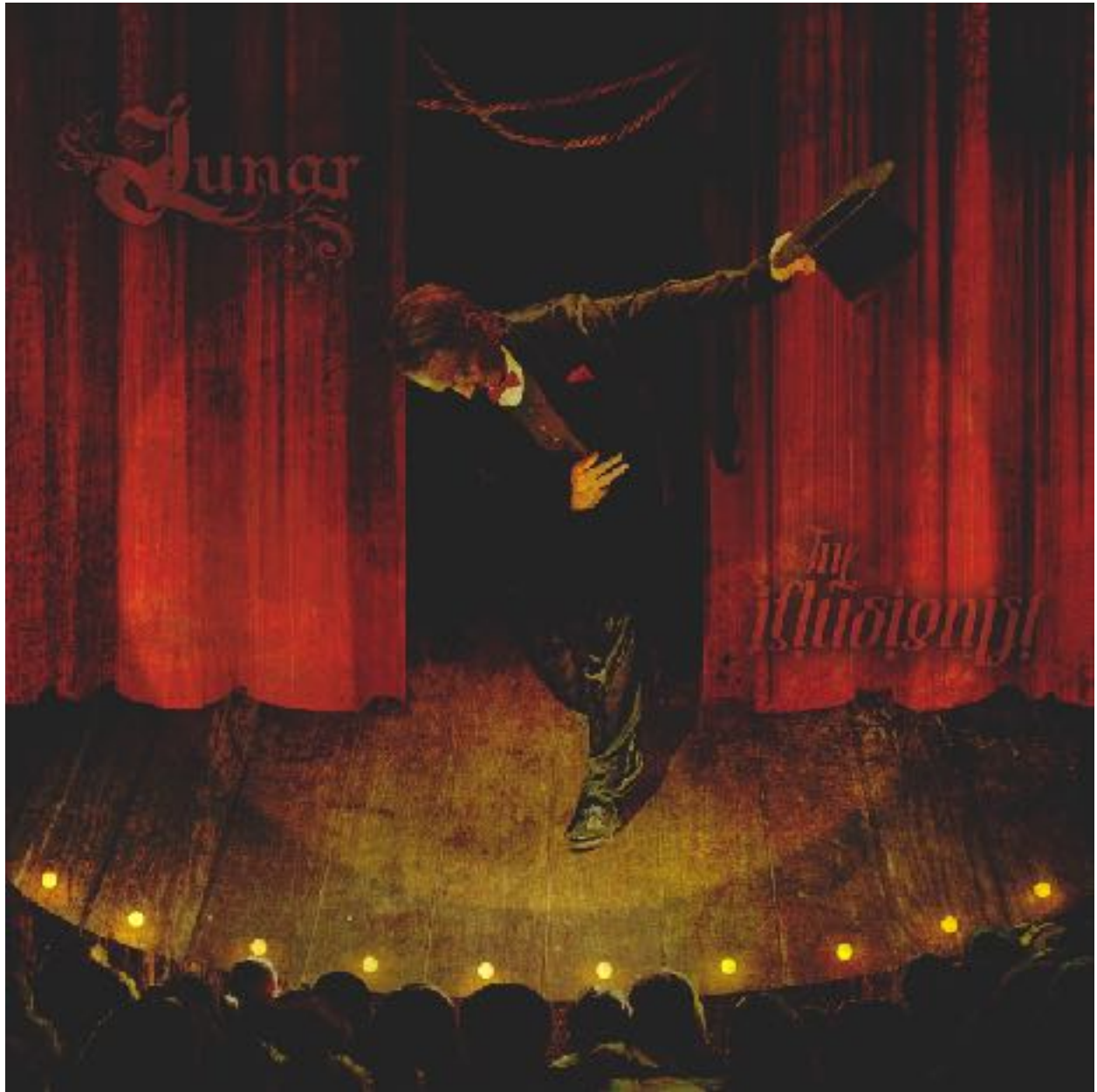


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The Illusionist

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I:
Prestidigitation
(Instrumental)

II:
The Illusionist

Please take your seats
Welcome to the show
You won't believe your eyes
Beyond what I will allow
I have painted the smile upon my face
To brave the crowds
Draw back the curtain
I'm ready to perform

This is who I am!

When you are unable to see
What hides behind
Does that mean
That I have made it right?
Or is it just your mind is deceived
By my visual lies
If you peek behind the wall
Will you see my disguise?
Brace yourself
For the grandest illusion of all
We both will believe
That I am in control

This is who I am
This is all I know
Only see what I will show you
Peer deep in my soul

I've honed my craft
Slaved for 30 years
To follow my dreams
And give you the shelter you need
They all depend
Past when my life will end
But where will I go?
And what will I have left to show?

You can't even see
What you're witnessing
I'm crumbling
Beneath your vacant stares
And mindless smiles
Why am I still here?
There's nowhere left to run
This is what I've become

This is what I am
This is all I know
Only see what I will show you
Peer deep through my soul

I aimed for the stars

Nothing less than perfect
Could be accepted
No one and nothing could alter my path
And now I stand before you
Ready to surrender
To admit my defeat
I stand pale and weak
What have I done?
Please tell me

They all depend
Past when my life will end
But where will I go?
And what will I have left to show?

This is what I am!
I am the illusionist!

III: **Showtime**

Swallow your pride
One foot in front of the other
Even if it's all a lie
It's the charade on which you've built your life
Take it all in strides
You know exactly what to do
Don't ask yourself why
Just ignore the emptiness inside

Hype me up, I hear the cheers
I see their smiling faces
How long until the end
Wear me down, I numb myself
Always for your entertainment
I'm vacant now, it's time to start the show

It's thrilling, bone chilling
And it will grasp you at your soul
But only if you are willing

Hype me up, I hear the cheers
I see their smiling faces
How long until the end
Wear me down, I numb myself
Always for your entertainment
I'm vacant now, it's time to start the show

Hype me up, I hear the cheers
I see their smiling, faces
How long until the end
Wear me down, I numb myself
Always for your entertainment
I'm vacant now, it's time to start the show

Far from home
Their laughter fades from my mind
Don't stop now
Soon they'll all be proud

IV:
Worship The Sun

This act I've taken seriously
Mastered my craft
But to be worshipped and revered
I'll admit was once a laugh
Is it freedom through belief
Or inability to question?
To keep an open frame of mind
Is all that I could ask for
But now you choose to "follow"
The acts of mortal man
I have nothing here to offer you
No truths, nor master plans

Be honest with yourselves
As honest as you can
And realize these magic tricks
Are meant to fool a man

You're following too closely
But not my sleight of hand
Instead you're seeking answers
To questions need not asked
I beg of you to realize
There's no true magic in these hands
Everything is staged, prepared
It's nothing but a sham

Be honest with yourselves
As honest as you can
Realize the spells and tricks
Are meant to fool a man
Instead you've all deceived yourselves
In believing what I've done
Is that of God, but I implore
Don't worship me
Worship the sun

They've grown in that of numbers
Wish it were that of sound mind
This has gotten out of hand
Now sanity is hard to find
Enough is enough, can't take it
This wasn't in the cards
Their eyes were once so welcome here
But now they act like shards
They've cut my soul to pieces
This once was so much fun
And now it's so invasive
What's left here to be won?

Be honest with yourselves
Don't believe in what I've done
It's nothing more than parlor tricks
Don't deify me
I plead, worship the sun

V:
Turn Off The World

A darkened pathway
An escape from the wild
A fleeting glance
Which I long for
Mindless trysts
Chasing dragons
Don't care where to find
The next useless high
Remind me of isolation
No need to brave the crowds
The flock scatters
Here now I know true peace

Can someone please
Tell me how to
Turn off the world
Mute the rage
And sorrow that is
Flowing all around me

A hollow treasure
A mindless effort
An undeniable truth
Which you choose to hide from
Seeking squabbles
Inciting violence
Breeding fear
You're just a coward
Remind me of temptation
Collapsing under
The weight of
False success

Cease all of this
Admiration
Jilted applause
What would you do?
Empty pleas just
For distraction
I can't take it
Shut down this world

Would someone please
Show me how to
Turn off the world
Silence the racket
Kill the noises
And echoed screams
Someone please
Tell me how to
Turn off the world
Mute the rage
And sorrow that is
Flowing all around me

Your image of ideal
How long can it last?
Your concept of perfect
I wait for it to fall apart

One man succeeds, while others plead
Just for the basic necessities
Shut it down
Let's just freeze right here

Would someone please
Show me how to
Turn off the world
Silence the racket
Kill the noises
And echoed screams
Someone please
Tell me how to
Turn off the world
Mute the rage
And sorrow that is
Flowing all around me

Would someone please
Show me how to
Turn off the world
Silence the racket
Kill the noises
And echoed screams
Someone please
Tell me how to
Turn off the world
Mute the rage
And sorrow that is
Plaguing humanity

VI: **Disassembled**

The nightmares are vivid
Stronger than they ever have been
Never have I had this much
This much to lose
You were my vice
My stability
Remember when you'd hold me
To keep all the pieces together
Telling me things would be alright
You were wrong

I want to return
Back to when I had no fear
No sorrow, no regrets
No consequence

The clock counts down
I watch you walk into the clouds
I let them tear me apart
And they took you down too
You were meant to be
My partner, my aide
Why did I let them
Rip me apart?

I want to return
Back to when I had no fear
No sorrow, no regrets
No consequence
Back when I could close my eyes

Without terror
Not a care in the world
Before I had been disassembled

So fragile
Ghostly and pale

What did I want?
What did I hope to become?

Torn away

Not what I need to be
Just what I am

So weak and frail

What did I want?
What did I hope to become?

I can't do this alone

Not what I need to be
Just what I am

I'm calling out for you

I want to return
Back to when I had no fear
No sorrow, no regrets
No consequence
Back when I could close my eyes
Without terror
Not a care in the world
Before I had been disassembled

VII: **Juggling Chainsaws**

Frantic, amidst the panic
This delusion
Frayed ends of reality
Insanity, becoming me
Is this how it's meant to be

I gave my all, all that I could
Until this hollow shell was left
Numbness turns to pain
Hope and joy, bereft

Lights, action, terror
Fears, tears and cheers
You're holding your breath
Waiting for the final blade to drop
Wondering if you even want me to catch it
Everything you've ever known of good and evil
Soaring to a whirlwind
Of this one terrifying moment
You don't even know how you want it to end
Your gazes pierce me
Gravity takes over
Slice me apart, divvy me up
You can't get enough

All I want is out
Release me, set me free

Release me of this world
Release me of this pain

The maze is growing and
People showing true colors
And I can't wait longer
Will is stronger to give in
And never live with this
Horrid suffering again
I know that all of you
Will just wait for disaster

Release me from this juggling act

I want nothing more, forevermore
To shed this mortal coil
The void that is awaiting me
Brings my blood to boil
I don't know
What world I am in anymore
Mind is jumbled
Emotions are going awry
Captured in darkness
Caged down far beneath the floor
The more I dwell
The less I can see a way out

What else could become of me
Rotting in the Earth
Can't hear past the deafening sound
Of this Hell, I'd rather burn

I don't know
What world I am in anymore
Mind is jumbled
Emotions are going awry
Captured in darkness
Caged down far beneath the floor
The more I dwell
The less I can see a way out

Looming, they will strike me down

Blades pulled down by gravity
Will they end my suffering
I'm not ready to die yet
But I'm afraid to live
Maybe I can catch them all
Turn and walk away
Perhaps the time has come
For me to disappear

I don't know
What world I am in anymore
Mind is jumbled
Emotions are going awry
Captured in darkness
Caged down far beneath the floor
The more I dwell
The less I can see a way out

Can't grab them, I'm crumbling
They will strike me down

VIII:
For My Next Trick
(Instrumental)

IX:
Now You See Me...

It may appear
That all the pieces fit
But I struggle
To find any match
I am searching, longing
For any reason to return
I'm afraid of more
Empty promises of change

When the rain disperses
You'll never find me
Then for my next trick
You will all float away

It may appear
That I am comfortably hiding
But is that reality
Or am I dying?
Tortured by so much loss
Now it's all I see
I can't breathe
Just let me sleep

All I know is fear
Nothing is left here

When the rain disperses
You'll never find me
Then for my next trick
You will all float away

I may appear
After many years
As nothing more
Then a haunting memory
Ask yourself
Am I a ghost?
A fading memory?
Or a champion of my craft?
And whilst you wonder
Where I have gone
And how could I do
What I have done
Now you see me
For what I am

Everything ends
With the right to reappear again

I'm disappearing
Engulfed in the light
I'm free of your burden
You can't find me now

I'm disappearing
Engulfed in the light
I'm free of your burden
You can't find me now

I'm disappearing
Swallowed by the fog
I'm free of your burden
You can't see me now