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The Life I Never Led

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I've never talked back. I've never slept late.
I've never sat down when told to stand straight
I've never let go and gone with the flow,
and don't even know, really, why.

I've never asked questions or taken a dare.
I've never worn clothes that might make people stare.
I've never rebelled, or stood up and yelled,
or even just held my head high.

And all of the feelings unspoken,
all of the truths unsaid,
they're all I have left of the life I never led.

I've never gone surfing, or ran with a crowd,
or danced on a table, or laughed much too loud.
I've never quite dared to leave myself bared.
I've just been too scared I might fall.

I've never seen Paris, swum naked,
(spoken)
been kissed.
(sung)

I've never quite realized just how much I've missed
And what did I get for hedging each bet?
Another regret, and that's all.

And all of the wishes unasked for, all of needs unfed,
They're all that remain of the life I never led.

And now, now that you've given me one little taste of it,
and now, now that I know what I know.
well how, how can I go on ignoring the waste of it?
After all of the years that I've clung to my fears,
won't you help me let go?
Help me let go!

I want to be brave. I want to be strong.
I want to believe I'm where I belong.
To stand up and say I'm seizing the day,
to not just obey, but to choose.

And I may not surf, I may not see France.
But I have to know I still have the chance.
And maybe I'll make a painful mistake.
It's mine, though, to take or refuse.
And all of the doors yet to open, all of the rooms ahead,
they're beaconing bright, scary and new,
but I'm standing tall, and I'm walking through.
What's gone may be gone, but I won't go on playing dead!
It's time to start living the life I never led.

AUDITION VERSION

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