

1- Early Exposure (The Young Child)

I heard of you in my innocence
You were a mystery
Pictures conceived from the stories told
Would I accept the truth?

I'm just a young child
Would I understand this?
Can these lessons bind my heart?
And remain within your hands

They did their best to lead me down the path
They tried to raise me right
When the evil one lays in wait
Will I be prepared?
Am I able to defend?
A fragile heart that breaks

I'm just a young child
Would I understand this?
Can these lessons bind my heart?
And remain within your hands
I'm just a young child
I want to understand

Where are you?

2- Going My Own Way(Teenage Rebellion)

Growing restless inside my skin
Random feelings in raging winds
Can't tell if what I heard is true
All my thoughts come back to you
I've grown so restless, falling deeper into rebellion

Have I turned onto a wicked way
What would all those in my childhood say
Can I be saved at your expense
I ran so far and my heart is spent

I worshiped idols of lust and flesh
Poorly choose my so called friends
Looking back at the child that I once was
My resurrection is now your cause

Have I turned onto a wicked way
What would all those in my childhood say
Can I be saved at your expense
I ran so far and my heart is spent

I've fallen deeper into rebellion
But this isn't the person I wanted to be
I abandoned you to walk with pure evil
And for that I am sorry
And through it all you've been with me
Since I was a child

Reckless habits begin to fade
Angry feelings of decisions made
I know that what I heard is true
Now my heart comes back to you..back to you!

3- I Thought I Knew It All (The Young Man)

Time no longer standing still
Deciding which way to go
Choices without consequence
My youth is fading fast

Looking back on the path I've chosen
I am now a different man
Passions I pursued in the past
Are today my worst regrets
I stand before you now
Lessons learned and guilt stricken
Wipe away the filth from my life
Will you please forget the past

I thought I knew it all
I only fooled myself

I was only hurting me
Ignoring what I had learned
Justified and compromised
Left my soul to rot and die

You gave and I took
And I behaved like a fool
And if it weren't for you
I'd still be killing my soul

4-My Struggle (The Realization)

I'm lost and can't seem to stop
I feel disgusting
The lack of will that I now possess
Truly is just pathetic
Ignorance is shoving my life
Toward constant failure
Send me a glimmer of hope
Remind me that your strength is there

You gave to me
Help me through
To find my way and walk with you

I realize that I am not strong
I'm feeling helpless
I need your help to get through this mess
That I call my life
And I have come so far
With much more to go

Can I rise above and claim my prize
Before this sin sickens me inside
I know that I'm stained beyond repair
Only you can wash away what's there

The Prayer:

I'm turning to you in my darkest hour
I know that you're there
Observing my struggle
I'm ashamed that it's taken this long
But I must humbly ask...
What can be done to fix this?
Plagued with guilt I see now the
Rebellious mistakes I once failed to accept
And I beg for a contented mind
That only you can deliver
In your gracious compassion
Set me free

5- Death Of Self (Alive In Christ)

Here comes the sting of truth
I'm feeling old in my youth
I feel dead to it all
No longer wanting to fall
Penetrate the dying space
So I can look upon your face

Crying (*whisper* – Bare my cross)
Breaking (*whisper* – Death of self)
On shattered knees I crawl
Crying (*whisper* – Cast the sin)
Breaking (*whisper* – Alive in Christ)
On shattered knees

The thorns that were meant for me
It's now plain to see
Was placed upon your head
You kept me from my own death
It's a crown that I deserve...
For me and only me

My heart melts like wax – yeah!
I'm finally alive at last
The old life is gone for good
An angel arrives in you

I must keep to the path
To avoid eternal wrath
It's from you that I found life
No more pain, suffering or strife
My soul burns through your word
My old life was so absurd
Dying daily unto you
For the life I'll have when this one's through