Streets of Broken Dreams

Gone the woodland paths of hope Gone the carefree ways of youth Gone the dreams of yesterday just this cold, unvarnished truth Gone the treasures of the hearth Gone the ease of kith and kin Gone the comfort of embrace just this loneliness within Gone the warmth of bosom friends Gone the blossomed wildwood flower Gone a loving mother's smile just this endless, aching hour Gone the promises of faith Gone the solace of a prayer Gone a doting father's touch just this deep well of despair

> Broken children of the streets There cast loose with pangs of guilt By generations living doomed In a culture they'd not built

Doomed to live and doomed to die Edged on madding, surging hordes Far from home and far from love Now just passing, empty words