



METALLICA

RIDE THE LIGHTNING

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cliff burton – bass james hetfield – rhythm guitar/vocals
 lars ulrich – drums kirk hammett – lead guitar



fight fire with fire (4:44)
 [hetfield, ulrich, burton]

do unto others as they've done to you
 but what the hell is this world coming to?

blow the universe into nothingness
 nuclear warfare shall lay us to rest

fight fire with fire
 ending is near
 fight fire with fire
 bursting with fear

we all shall die

time is like a fuse, short and burning fast
 armageddon's here, like said in the past

fight fire with fire
 ending is near
 fight fire with fire
 bursting with fear

soon to fill our lungs, the hot winds of death
 the gods are laughing, so take your last breath

fight fire with fire
 ending is near
 fight fire with fire
 bursting with fear

fight fire with fire
 [repeat]

fight

ride the lightning (6:36)
 [hetfield, ulrich, burton, mustaine]

guilty as charged
 but damn it, it ain't right
 there's someone else controlling me

death in the air
 strapped in the electric chair
 this can't be happening to me

who made you god to say,
 "I'll take your life from you?"

flash before my eyes
 now it's time to die
 burning in my brain
 i can feel the flame

wait for the sign
 to flick the switch of death
 it's the beginning of the end

sweat, chilling cold
 as i watch death unfold
 consciousness my only friend

my fingers grip with fear
 what am i doing here?

flash before my eyes
 now it's time to die
 burning in my brain
 i can feel the flame

someone help me
 oh please, god help me
 they're trying to take it all away
 i don't want to die

time moving slow
 the minutes seem like hours
 the final curtain call i see

how true is this?
 just get it over with
 if this is true, just let it be

wakened by horrid scream
 freed from this frightening dream

flash before my eyes
 now it's time to die
 burning in my brain
 i can feel the flame

for whom the bell tolls (5:10)
 [hetfield, ulrich, burton]

make his fight on the hill in the early day
 constant chill deep inside
 shouting gun, on they run through the
 endless grey
 on they fight, for they're right, yes, but who's
 to say?
 for a hill, men would kill, why? they do not
 know
 stiffened wounds test their pride
 men of five, still alive through the raging glow
 gone insane from the pain that they surely
 know

for whom the bell tolls
 time marches on
 for whom the bell tolls

take a look to the sky just before you die
 it's the last time he will
 blackened roar, massive roar, fills the
 crumbling sky
 shattered goal fills his soul with a ruthless cry
 stranger now are his eyes to this mystery
 he hears the silence so loud
 crack of dawn, all is gone except the will to be
 now they see what will be, blinded eyes to see

for whom the bell tolls
 time marches on
 for whom the bell tolls

fade to black [6:56]
(hetfield, ulrich, burton, hammett)

life, it seems, will fade away
drifting further every day
getting lost within myself
nothing matters, no one else

i have lost the will to live
simply nothing more to give
there is nothing more for me
need the end to set me free

things not what they used to be
missing one inside of me
deathly lost, this can't be real
cannot stand this hell i feel

emptiness is filling me
to the point of agony
growing darkness taking dawn
i was me, but now he's gone

no one but me can save myself, but it's too late
now i can't think, think why i should even try

yesterday seems as though it never existed
death greets me warm, now i will just say goodbye

trapped under ice [4:03]
(hetfield, ulrich, hammett)

i don't know how to live through this hell
woken up, i'm still locked in this shell
frozen soul, frozen down to the core
break the ice, i can't take anymore

freezing
can't move at all
screaming
can't hear my call
i am dying to live
cry out
i'm trapped under ice

crystallized, as i lay here and rest
eyes of glass stare directly at death
from deep sleep i have broken away
no one knows, no one hears what i say

freezing
can't move at all
screaming
can't hear my call
i am dying to live
cry out
i'm trapped under ice

scream, from my soul
fate, mystified
hell, forevermore

no release from my cryonic state
what is this? i've been stricken by fate
wrapped up tight, cannot move, can't break free
hand of doom has a tight grip on me

freezing
can't move at all
screaming
can't hear my call
i am dying to live
cry out
i'm trapped under ice

escape [4:23]
(hetfield, ulrich, hammett)

feel no pain, but my life ain't easy
i know i'm my best friend
no one cares, but i'm so much stronger
i'll fight until the end

to escape from the true false world
undamaged destiny
can't get caught in the endless circle
ring of stupidity

out for my own, out to be free
one with my mind, they just can't see
no need to hear things that they say
life's for my own, to live my own way

rape my mind and destroy my feelings
don't tell me what to do
i don't care now 'cause i'm on my side
and i can see through you

feed my brain with your so-called standards
who says that i ain't right?
break away from your common fashion
see through your blurry sight

out for my own, out to be free
one with my mind, they just can't see
no need to hear things that they say
life's for my own, to live my own way

see them try to bring the hammer down
no damn chains can hold me to the ground

life's for my own, to live my own way
(repeat)

creeping death [6:36]
(hetfield, ulrich, burton, hammett)

slaves
hebrews born to serve, to the pharaoh
head
to his every word, live in fear
faith
of the unknown one, the deliverer
wait
something must be done, four hundred years

so let it be written
so let it be done
i'm sent here by the chosen one
so let it be written
so let it be done
to kill the first born pharaoh son
i'm creeping death

now
let my people go, land of goshen
go
i will be with thee, bush of fire
blood
running red and strong, down the Nile
plague
darkness three days long, hail to fire

so let it be written
so let it be done
i'm sent here by the chosen one
so let it be written
so let it be done
to kill the first born pharaoh son
i'm creeping death

die by my hand
i creep across the land
killing first-born man

die by my hand
i creep across the land
killing first-born man

i
rule the midnight air, the destroyer
born
i shall soon be there, deadly mass
i
creep the steps and floor, final darkness
blood
lamb's blood, painted door, i shall pass

so let it be written
so let it be done
i'm sent here by the chosen one
so let it be written
so let it be done
to kill the first born pharaoh son
i'm creeping death

the call of ktulu [8:52]
(hetfield, ulrich, burton, mustaine)
instrumental
lead bass by cliff burton

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TONY "THAT'S WHY THE EAST WON THE CIVIL WAR" INGENERE, METAL "DO DA
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A FILE IN THE CAKE" CRAIG, ROCKIN' RAY DILL, MR. BILL "WHERE'S MY
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