## Once You Wake Up

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And what about the times Now I'm grabbing out at breaking glass An attempt to find a memory That makes it seem glorious or at least okayBut all I have is me In a razor caught off guard as you brush by The alarm wakes me out of bed And the dream I was just having simply fades awayAnd blindly do I see At the sunlight I am freezing And as I start to come around, I want to fall back to the ground Roll over and make sense againBut it's too late I am awake And it's sensation, I can't fake as I try my best to pretend But once you wake up You just can't fall back asleep anymore I know it isn't fair But once you're aware You can back track all you want You can mourn for what's gone But you're up either way You better deal with your dayI remember I was tired In fact I still have some sleep in my eyes So I got all warm and safe and numb Figured I'd lie down and rest a whileNext thing came the morning And you're shaking me and telling me to rise And I would tell you anything To stall and make you think or smile or cryYou see all I need is you And then I start to understand what love does Now there's so much that I can give And I finally want to live You know before I just didn't really ever care And I'll do more than hold on I want to celebrate the dawn I don't ever want to go back to sleep I swear But once you wake up You can't just fall back to sleep anymoreI know it isn't fair But once you're aware You can backtrack all you want You can mourn for what's gone

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