

# Alanis Morissette, Baba

i've seen them kneel  
with baited breath for the ritual  
i've watched this experience raise  
them to pseudo higher levels  
i've watched them leave their families  
in pursuit of your nirvana  
i've seen them coming to line up  
from switzerland to america

how long will this take baba  
how long have we been sleeping  
do you see me hanging on to  
every word you say  
how soon will I be holy  
how much will this cost guru  
how much longer 'til you  
completely absolve me

i've seen them give their drugs up  
in place of makeshift altars  
i've heard them chanting  
kali kali frantically  
i've heard them rotely repeat your  
teachings with elitism  
i've seen them boasting robes and  
foreign sandalwood beads  
i've seen them overlooking god in  
their own essence  
i've seen their upward glances  
in hopes of instant salvation  
i've seen their righteousness  
mixed without loving compassion  
i've watched you smile as  
the students bow to kiss your feet

give me strength all knowing one  
how long 'til enlightenment  
how much longer 'til you  
completely absolve me