Sting, Inside

Inside the doors are sealed to love Inside my heart is sleeping Inside the fingers of my glove Inside the bones of my right hand Inside it's colder than the stars

Inside the dogs are weeping

Inside the circus of the wind

Inside the clocks are filled with sand

Inside she'll never hurt me Inside the winter's creeping Inside the compass of the night Inside the folding of the land

Outside the stars are turning Outside the world's still burning

Inside my head's a box of stars I never dared to open Inside the wounded hide their scars, inside this lonesome sparrow's fall Inside the songs of our defeat, they sing of treaties broken Inside this army's in retreat, we hide beneath the thunder's call

Outside the rain keeps falling Outside the drums are calling Outside the flood won't wait Outside they're hammering down the gate

Love is the child of an endless war
Love is an open wound still raw
Love is a shameless banner unfurled
Love's an explosion,
Love is the fire of the world
Love is a violent star
A tide of destruction
Love is an angry scar
A violation, a mutilation, capitulation, love is annihilation.

Inside the failures of the light, the night is wrapped around me Inside my eyes deny their sight, you'd never find me in this place Inside we're hidden from the moonlight, we shift between the shadows Inside the compass of the night, inside the memory of your face

Outside the walls are shaking Inside the dogs are waking Outside the hurricane won't wait Inside they're howling down the gate

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I climb this tower inside my head A spiral stair above my bed I dream the stairs don't ask me why, I throw myself into the sky

Love me like a baby, love me like an only child

Love me like an ocean; love me like a mother mild Love me like a father, love me like a prodigal son Love me like a sister, love me like the world has just begun Love me like a prodigy, love me like an idiot boy, Love me like an innocent, love me like your favorite toy Love me like a virgin, love me like a courtesan, Love me like a sinner, love me like a dying man.

Annihilate me, infiltrate me, incinerate me, accelerate me, mutilate me, inundate me, violate me, im

Love me like a parasite, love me like a dying sun Love me like a criminal, love me like a man on the run

Radiate me, subjugate me, incubate me, recreate me, demarcate me, educate me, punctuate me,