

**The Alien**  
**Manchester Orchestra**

**Am** **D**  
The lights were low enough, you guessed  
**G** **C**  
You swapped your conscience with your fathers medication  
**Am** **D**  
Limped from Rome to Lawrenceville  
**G** **C**  
And on the way wrote out a self-made declaration

**Am** **D**  
And when you got to Pleasant Hill  
**G** **C**  
You forced the traffic to erase your family demons  
**Am** **D**  
And made a pact with you and god  
**G** **C**  
If you don t move I swear to you I m gonna make ya

**C** **Em**  
Do you need me?  
**G** **C**  
Do you need me?  
**C** **Em**  
Do you need me?  
**G** **C**  
Do you need me?

**Am** **D**  
When the first officer arrived  
**G** **C**  
It happened to be the high school bully of your brother  
**Am** **D**  
When you finally recognized  
**G** **C**  
You felt some guilt that you had even let him touch you

**Am** **D**  
Can you hear me? What s your name?  
**G** **C**  
You could not speak just laid amazed at all the damage  
**Am** **D**  
As the high school s letting out  
**G** **C**  
All the kids saying the same thing that they used to

**C** **Em**  
It s an alien

**G C**  
It s an alien  
**C Em**  
It s an alien  
**G C**  
It s an alien

**Am D**  
The lights are low enough you guessed  
**G C**  
Hospital food, there s never enough medication  
**Am D**  
The doctor asked about your ears  
**G C**  
You said your mom said you were made from a revelation

**Am D**  
The revelation never scares  
**G C**  
If you came from your drunken dad and a pair of scissors  
**Am D**  
Were you just finally letting go?  
**G C**  
Did you mean to take out all those people with you?

**C Em**  
Didn t mean to  
**G C**  
Didn t mean to  
**C Em**  
Didn t mean to  
**G C**  
Didn t mean to

**C Em**  
Oh I didn t mean-----to  
(Oh I didn t take the time to learn to let you go)  
**C C**  
Oh didn t mean-----to  
(Don t let me go)  
**C Em**  
Oh I didn t mean-----to  
(Oh I didn t take the time to learn to let you go)  
**C Em**  
Oh didn t mean-----to  
(Don t let me go)

**Am G**  
Time is here to take your last amendments and believe them on your own  
**Am G**  
Time is here to take you by the hand and leave you there alone  
**Am G**  
Time has come to take the last commandment and to carve it into stone

**Am**

**G**

Time has come to take you by the hand and leave you here alone