

Serpent At The Gates

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**G D C G - D C**  
Serpent at the Gates of Wisdom, curling round a tree  
**G D C G - D C**  
With your eyes so dark and empty looking straight through me  
**G D Bb C**  
How did you get so unwinding, do you know my sin?  
**G D C G Bb D C**  
When you re so close to the answer, why don t you go in?

Serpent at the gates of Wisdom, who did you decieve  
She was weak, but that s no reason for what you did to Eve  
You re a fool - You broke the stillness. She gave birth to desire  
Rolling down the frozen highwaay like a buring tyre

Serpent at the gates of wisdom, where do you belong?  
Wisdom cannot be transmitted, it keeps you hanging on.  
Do you really serve the Devil if it s all God s plan?  
Good and evil need each other. Honey I m your man.

Serpent at the gates of wisdom, like a purple scar  
Leering at me round the dashboard as I reach my car.  
I close the door, I start the engine, and I take control.  
God above and all his angels, have mercy on your soul.

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