

# Evanescence, Understanding

You hold the answer deep within your own mind  
Consciously you've forgotten it  
That's the way the human mind works  
Whenever something is too unpleasant, too shameful for us to entertain  
We reject it  
We erase it from our memory  
But the imprint is always there

Can't wash it all away  
Can't wish it all away  
Can't hope it all away  
Can't cry it all away

The pain that grips you  
The fear that binds you  
Releases life in me  
In our mutual shame we hide our eyes  
To blind them from the truth that finds a way from who we are

Please don't be afraid  
When the darkness fades away  
The dawn will break the silence screaming in our hearts  
My love for you still grows  
This I do for you  
For I've tried to fight the truth, my final time

We're supposed to try to be real  
And when you feel alone, you're not together and that is real

Can't wash it all away  
Can't wish it all away  
Can't cry it all away  
Can't scratch it all away

Lying beside you  
Listening to you breathe  
The life that flows inside of you burns inside of me  
Hold and speak to me  
Of love without a sound  
Tell me you will live through this  
And I will die for you

Cast me not away  
Say you'll be with me  
For I know I cannot  
Bear it all alone

You're not alone, honey  
Never, never

Can't fight it all away  
Can't hope it all away  
Can't scream it all away  
It just won't fade away

Can't wash it all away  
Can't wish it all away  
Can't throw it all away  
Can't scratch it all away

Can't fight it all away  
Can't hope it all away  
Can't scream it all away  
Move it all away

Move it all away

But the imprint is always there  
Nothing is ever really forgotten

God, just don't hate me  
Because I'll die if you do