

LATERAL PARADIGM



Devil in
Disguise

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About „Devil in Disguise“

Devil in Disguise steps right into the messiness of modern life. Over thirteen tracks, the album takes aim at the "false prophets" of our time – corrupt systems, corporate games, political apathy, and broken trust. It is about that feeling of standing in the wreckage of broken promises, trying to figure out what comes next.

The songs weave back and forth between global headaches and personal struggles everyone of us knows. You'll hear about political chaos and war profiteering right alongside stories of heartbreak, guilt, and emotional exhaustion.

At its core, Devil in Disguise isn't about being bitter or giving up; it's about staying resilient. Even while calling out the damage left behind by deception, it keeps searching for hope in the dark. It's an invitation to see through the lies we're told, take back control, and find freedom on our own terms.

Ralf Wende, August 2026



Devil in Disguise

Dark skies leave no shadows
No more sun, no more moon
The path is broken

No more leading
Nor to the shadows
Nor to the light

Gotta trust your instincts
The false prophets are waiting

[CHORUS]
Future is gone
Nowhere to hide
Devil in Disguise

Past is gone
Somewhere lost
Devil in Disguise

The present day
Will be gone
Devil in Disguise

[No more flowers to cherish
No more birds flying
In the dawning sun

You gave your best
That wasn't enough
Now you're obsolete

Didn't trust your instincts
The false prophets have arrived

[CHORUS]

[OUTRO]
You left the path
That unfolded
Before your eyes

You walk on your own
No one's going to help
No one's going to listen

Your voice will be lost
Nothing you can do
The abyss of lost souls

Will await you
Will await you
Will await you

*The song sets the thesis for the entire record,
warning of a world stripped of light where false
prophets manipulate the vulnerable.*

Stains

A shadow on the silk
A mark you cannot hide
The secrets that you keep
Are burning deep inside

You traded for a lie
A promise made in red
The symbols of the past
Are hanging by a thread

The ink is soaking through

[Chorus]

Stains!

Your life

Your duty

Stains!

Your call

Your misery

They see it on your face
They see it on your hands
A stigma from the dark
That no one understands

No way to clean the past

[Chorus]

*"Stains" deals with the aftermath of deception
and the heavy burden of guilt, exploring the
internal stigma of realizing one traded integrity
for a lie sold by a false prophet.*

House of Disbelieve

1933

All over again
Can't believe
No one's caring

Thought that
The black clouds
Ninety years ago
Would have left
Forever

[Chorus]

House of Disbelieve
No more fiction
Where we're heading
Time have gone wrong

House of Disbelieve
The truth must be told
Even if no one cares
Whoa

Will there be again
Arms raised to hail
The false prophets
That came to stay

Thought that
The brown uniforms
Ninety years ago
Would have left
Forever

[Chorus]

[Break]
Wherever we're going
We must stand
Together
Nothing will be left
Just the shards
Of the lives
We had

[Chorus]

"House of Disbelieve" is a political and historical reflection. It is still hard for me to see that no one compares the actual resurgence of the extremist right to the dark shadows of 1933.

Angel

Your face hidden
Behind a mask
That doesn't betray
Emotions

No tears, no laughter
No sorrow
Just your mask
Is all I see

[Bridge]
Hide
Hidden
Fallen

[Chorus]
Angel - Devil
Angel - Blood
Angel - Devil
Angel - Death

War's just an
Accident waiting
To happen
When needed

Factories of
Destruction making

Money from sorrow
And tears

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

Your identity for
All to be seen
Now you can't hide
We will avenge

Can't hide anymore
Everyones looking
Can't take your money
To the grave

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

*This is a song about all the people that make
money with war. Irony: all the money they make
they cannot take to the grave.*

Barriers

Sold a summer dream
But the winter has come
They pointed to the path
Then they locked the gate

[Bridge]
Can't go back in time
Can't change my decisions
No second chance
Just trying to survive

[Chorus]
Barriers
Wherever I look
Barriers
Wherever I go
Barriers
Whatever I do
Barriers
No way out

Everything they said
Was a hollow prize
Signed my life away
On a pack of lies

[Bridge]
Can't see a future

Can't take decisions
No second chance
Just trying to survive

[Chorus]

Won't be just a pawn
In a twisted game
Gotta stand up again
No more dark nights

[Bridge]
There must be a future
That I can build
A second chance
More than just surviving

[Chorus]

"Barriers" is about broken system promises. It is about the turning point where survival turns into an active struggle for second chances.

Changes

The road is beckonnin' me
My path is designed
I shall travel along
Until my destiny's Fulfilled

[Bridge]

The more I see
The less I know
The less I understand
The less I want to

[Chorus]

Changes
Too many changes
That can't be resolved
Changes
Too many changes
To find my calm

All the trust I had in myself
Is failing me now
That I need it most
Don't understand why

Shall there be ever a time
When I'll meet you again
So that you will be
The one who gives me strength

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

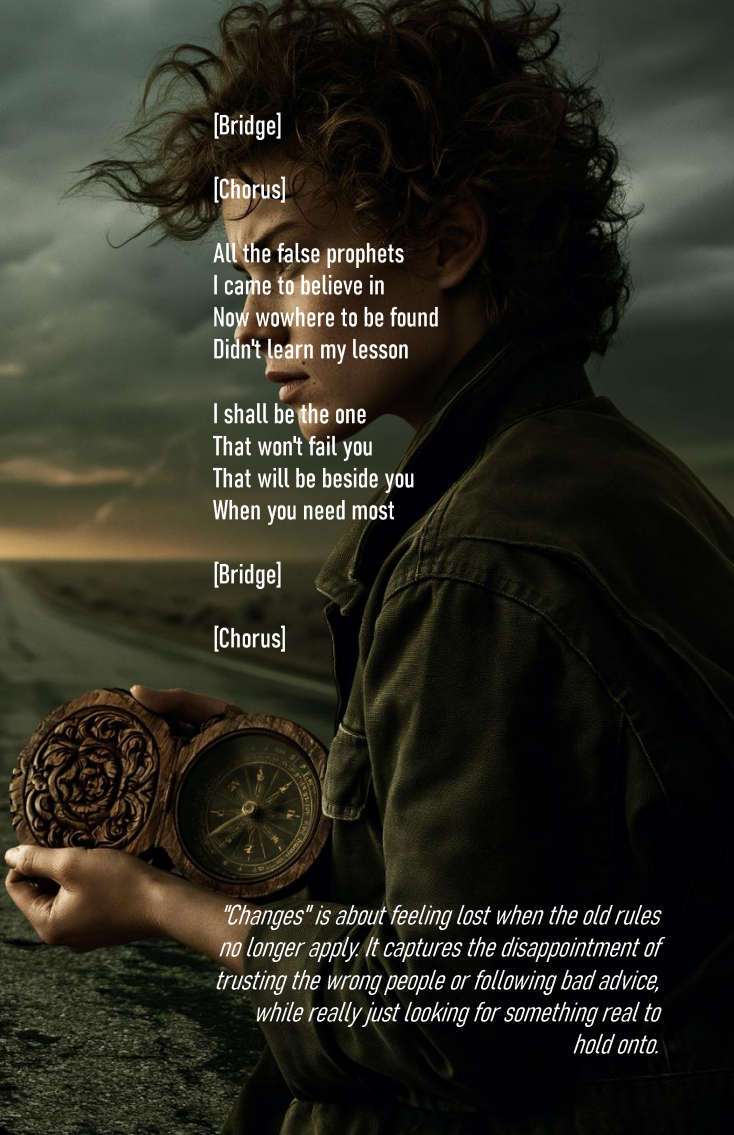
All the false prophets
I came to believe in
Now nowhere to be found
Didn't learn my lesson

I shall be the one
That won't fail you
That will be beside you
When you need most

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

"Changes" is about feeling lost when the old rules no longer apply. It captures the disappointment of trusting the wrong people or following bad advice, while really just looking for something real to hold onto.



Distress Call

Waiting for the war to start
Just a short time away...
Entering our lives, going to stay,
Never going away, no mercy

[Bridge]

What will become of us in the
Dark of the world that will
Surround us forever and ever
What will become of us in the
Dark of the moon that will
Never show again and again

Fighting has started, welcoming death
No end to be seen
The departed don't care anymore
Just the ones left behind

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

Hear my
Distress call
Don't turn away
Look me in the eye
Hear my

Distress call
Don't turn away
Look me in the eye

There might be hope, the light coming back
Will there be an end to this?
Nobodys left to care what will happen
I shall depart or will I survive?

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

"Distress Call" is about the dread of conflict and societal breakdown. The song addresses the collateral damage of war - the contrast between the departed who no longer care and the survivors left in the dark.

Mist

Wandering through the dark night
Can't see my way in the mist
Can't feel the warmth of the fire
Wishing I could go back
Where once I felt save
Back to the place of longing
Where I found peace

[Bridge]
Never
Coming
Back
Again

[Chorus]
The mist before my eyes
The only thing I see
The mist before my eyes
Never leaving me

Following the footsteps of
The ones that came before me
Feeling their presence ever
Never to be lost in
Their arms that wrap around me
Making me feel safe
Making me feel wanted

MIST

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

Even so trying to find
My way back though I know
It can't be done
Feeling my strength coming
To the end that was written
Don't know if I will make it
Don't know if someone will be there

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

*"Mist" is about wandering through memory,
following the footsteps of ancestors while
searching for a safe sanctuary that can no longer
be reached. It deals with the realization that
some paths offer no way back home.*



Endless

The dark dark night
Will stay forever
Never another dawn
To be seen

[Bridge]

Wherever you are
Hide

Bridges burnt down
The other side far away
Green fields out of reach
Never ever again

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

The endless
The hopeless
The dark road
Ahead

The endless
The hopeless
The dark road
Ahead

No more fire

To warm the poor
No more hope
To guide the lost

[Bridge]

Cold rain all you feel
No end to be seen
Promises ignored
The snow starts to fall

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

*"Endless" represents the dark night of the soul.
The lyrics speak of a lost fire in us, ignored
promises, and a dark road ahead where hiding
feels like the only option.*

New Dawn

Sitting in my car,
Driving through the shattered
Pieces of our time together
We thought we'd shared

So many things you wanted to tell me
But too many things that you told me
Never should have showed you my feelings
Now the hurt won't never stop

[Bridge]

Unsure of what's to come
Never knowing where we stand
Fear of taking the wrong way
That'll lead far from you

[Chorus]

Watching the new dawn
Rising at the horizon
Of our empty lives
Nobody feels our hurt
Watching the new dawn
Coming back every day
Unlike our lives
That have been swept away

Staring at the snow that falls
Reflecting the cold in my heart

My eyes still reflecting
All the times gone by

So many things I never told you
But too many things to tell you
Trying not to show you my feelings
It's going to hurt you even more

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

"New Dawn" is about that painful situation after a relationship ends, sitting with your regret and quiet thoughts. It's about holding back your real feelings and realizing that life moves on whether you are ready or not.

Heaven sent

Another day raining
Dark clouds feeling
Like the worlds gonna end
Nowhere to go
Nowhere to be
Nowhere to stay

You came along
Like a star
Shining bright,
Just brilliant light
Now I had a place
To go
To be
To stay

[Chorus]

Heaven sent
You were
Heaven sent
If you wouldn't
Have been there
Hell would have
My way, my way

Now everything
Just makes sense

The wait I had to pass
To feel ... your embrace
To feel ... your warmth
To be ... Just beside you

Never crossed my mind
That we wouldn't last
But that's how
The story goes
Again alone
Again no home
Again lost

[Chorus]

*"Heaven sent" is about these one or two persons
that appear in our life and that will lift us up,
support us in a very rare non-transactional way.
Yes, the person will leave again but sometimes we
will be left stronger, sometimes not.*

Rise from Darkness

Gentle whispers dance, beneath the skies,
Where laughter echoes, filling shadows with light,
Yet beneath the surface where secrets hide,
There's an angry storm that won't be denied.

[Chorus]

Rise from darkness
With every heartbeat
Hear that thunder roar,
Rise from darkness
Through the chaos,
We'll find our way,

There's a fire, burning deep inside,
Angry shadows, where the lost ones hide,
In the twilight haze, a tear might fall,
Sadness lingers, yet a spark ignites

[Chorus]

In the silence whispers play,
I wear a smile like a cloak of grace,
When sadness wraps its arms so tight,
I search for stars in the darkest night.

[Chorus]

[Outro]

Each tear's a story
Each scar's a song,
Through every battle
I've fought alone,
There's a spark within me
That's always grown.
With every heartbeat
The spark will turn to fire
Rise from darkness
With every heartbeat
Hear that thunder roar

[Chorus]

*"Rise from Darkness" is about the emotional shift
from enduring pain to reclaiming power.
Something all of us can do. We just must believe
that it is possible.*

Free

My life is passing
Around me
I'm watching
All the things I did

The life I'm leading
Still shows me
All the things
I have to do

[Chorus]

I am free
Free to Go
Wherever I want
Free to do
Whatever I want
I am free

So many things
That still have
To be done
To be said

My time is passing
Precious time
Hoping that I can
Finish my tasks

[Chorus]

All I ever needed
Was you in my life
Feeling your love
That kept me sane

Hoping you will
Remember me
In the cold winter nights
I'll be there

[Chorus]

"Free" is about taking full control of your life after realizing how fast time is slipping away. Even with unfinished business behind you, it's about holding onto the good memories, letting go of past regrets, and choosing your own path forward.

Credits

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