

# My Time Outside The Womb

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The first thing you see is the light  
Then, you focus on a man in a mask with a knife  
As he cuts you away from everything you thought you knew about  
life  
Now you're in your mother's arms, wrinkled and wet  
You'll spend the rest of your life trying to hard to forget  
That you met the world naked and screaming  
And that's how you'll leave it

In Riverside Hospital, on a July morning  
With a push and a pull - this is how I found out  
I wasn't quite so invulnerable  
It put the fear of God in me when I heard my daddy say,  
"One mistake is all that it takes."

I ended up at Central School, 1993,  
And met a certain kid named Sarim at the library  
He said, "they're ain't nothing about this place that's element  
ary."  
I learned to play the guitar in the seventh grade  
In order to convince everyone I was a renegade  
That's when I learned, in Glen Rock,  
Everybody calls a spade a spade  
I couldn't fool anyone  
I couldn't even fool myself  
I was just another book on the shelf, nothing else