

**"Rat with Butterfly Wings"**  
Smashing Pumpkins

The world is a vampire, sent to drain  
What destroys, hold you up to the  
light

What do I get, for my pain?  
Destroyed dreams, and a piece of the game

Even though I know - I suppose I'll show  
All my cool and cold - like old job

Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in  
a cage

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Then someone will say what is lost can  
never be saved

Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in  
a cage

I'm naked, nothing but an animal  
Can you fake it, for just one more  
night?

What do you want? I want to change  
And what have you got, when you feel the  
same?

Even though I know - I suppose I'll show  
All my cool and cold - like old job

Then someone will say what is lost can  
never be saved

Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in  
a cage

Tell me I'm the only one  
Tell me there's no other one  
Jesus was the only son, yeah,  
Tell me I'm the chosen one  
Jesus was the only son for you

QUOTATION	SIMILE OR METAPHOR	INTERPRETATION
"The world is a vampire, sent to drain..."	H	The singer feels that the world is essentially a corrupted, evil place. It is thus "a vampire," draining the people not of their blood, but of their innocence.
"Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in a cage."	H	Here the speaker, by claiming to be "a rat in a cage," expresses how trapped he feels by the corrupted world described above. In addition, he feels that there is no way to escape, thus "what is lost can never be saved."
"Now I'm naked, nothing but an animal."	H	By composing and singing this song, the singer has come to feel "naked," meaning exposed and vulnerable.

And I still believe that I cannot be saved