Speaker 1 (<u>00:00</u>):

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Speaker 2 (<u>01:04</u>):

Good evening. I had a hard time convincing myself to come up here tonight, as I'm sure many of you have as well. This piece is very personal to me, and I never thought I'd be able to share it, let alone with a room full of strangers. But I've been coming to these open mics for a couple of months now, and I've watched so many of you stand up here and bear your souls. I knew that I could be brave just as all of you have been in the first wave. I lost someone. No surprise. I'm sure I probably would've lost more someones if I had more someones to lose. But this, this person was my person and

Speaker 3 (<u>02:08</u>):

Max Robinson age, 58, performance.

Speaker 2 (<u>02:16</u>):

Okay, here we go. Everyone dies. You had never had the right time. The mothers, the fathers, the sons, the daughters, the righteous and the wicked, the wealthy and the poor. Everyone dies. Some live long and well. Some only take one breath. Some embrace death with open arms. Some weep softly as they go, everyone dies. Everyone dies. But I was not ready when the angel of the abyss crawled out and showed his wicked face to the world. I was not ready. When the streets filled with rage and the air filled with decay. I was not ready. When the destroyer left his bottomless pit and appeared on our doorstep without the gift of mercy, I was not ready. Every everyone dies, yet, never at the right time. I was not ready when they shut that door and shut me out, denying me that beautiful face, that lovely voice, the soft touch. I was not ready for the rasping breath for the bark, with no bite, for the tears, for the quiet. I was not ready for the mark upon our door. For the strangers in our home with no faces, no voices, no concerns. When they took my heart away, I was not ready. I was not ready to be. Only half, to be hollowed, to be alone.

Speaker 2 (<u>04:33</u>):

Everyone dies. You are never at the right time. Thank you.

Speaker 3 (<u>04:54</u>):

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