## L'Homme au Masque de Fer | Arche

Unidentified beyond this mask, You've forced your thoughts upon this steel. Calling me your precious daughter, But have you ever once known me?

I remain trapped in your prison, Your little box of assumptions. Calling me your best friend, But have you ever once seen me?

For years, I have only known these bars of steel, Your warped expectation of my existence. Calling me a warrior because of my scars, But have you ever once pitied me?

I try to carry this heavy burden, But it is not my true skin. Calling up my disguise, The metal face you so desire. Thanks to your twisted minds, I know not who I am.

Nor will I ever be seen or feel pity.
You've stolen my identity from me,
Creating the mask I am sworn to bear.
Held captive in your ideals and dreams,
Locked away in my place of confinement.
Never to reveal the true face of what I could have become.