



PRICE TO PLAY

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The lead single from the album **14 Shades of Grey**. Chart: **#66**, **#6** alternative, **#2** mainstream rock. Time - 3:35. Released in U.S.A. April 1, 2003.

Recorded at Westlake Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California, USA, 2003. Produced by **Josh Abraham**.
Engineered by **Jon Berkowitz**.

'Price to Play' is about the trap every band falls into. In the beginning, bands live to get their first contract and hitting the big time. Once they get there, reality sets in. They find themselves in a never ending cycle of album/tour, album/tour. They just finish a major, lengthy tour and the record company is pressuring them to get ready for the next album. They need to get decent songs written quickly and meet schedules. Their free time evaporates and it is an endless cycle. While it initially applies to the band, the idea applies to life in general. - Larry -



Personnel

Aaron Lewis - lead vocals, rhythm guitar
Mike Mushok - lead guitar
Johnny April - bass, backing vocals
Jon Wysocki - drums
Josh Abraham - keyboards

Aaron Lewis -

"Lyrically, what started the song was my frustrations with having to be back in the studio writing more songs and feeling like we were underneath somebody's thumb, but it turned into a song that just applies to life in general. And it's kind of tongue-in-cheek because life isn't a game, but it's the price we pay to play this game that we call life."

YOU TUBE STUDIO TRACK VIDEO

YOU TUBE LYRIC VIDEO

YOU TUBE LIVE

Fail to see how destructive we can be
Taking without giving back 'till the damage can be seen
Can you see? Can you see?

The more you take, the more you blame
But everything still feels the same
The more you hurt the more you scream
The price you pay to play the game
Then all you see and all you gave
And all you step on will know shame
There are no rules, no one to blame
The price to play the game

Empathy, the chosen way to be
Blindly look the other way
While you waste away with me
Can you see? Can you see?

What you pay to play the game
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