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Xentrix: Kin (remaster)

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Track Listing

1. Order of Chaos
2. Friend to You
3. All Bleed Red
4. No More Time
5. Waiting
6. Come Tomorrow
7. Release
8. See Through You
9. Another Day
10. Reward -bonus track
11. Never Be-bonus demo track
12. Hand That Feeds Itself-bonus demo track
13. Silence -bonus demo track

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