Spirit Bird

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Give it time and we wonder why, do what we can laugh and we cry
And we sleep in your dust because we've seen this all before
Culture fades with tears and grace, leaving us stunned hollow with shame
We have seen this all, seen this all before
Many tribes of a modern kind doing brand new work same spirit by side
Joining hearts and hands and ancestral twine, ancestral twine
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Joining hearts and hands and ancestral twine, ancestral twineSlowly it fades

Slowly we fade Slowly we fade

Slowly we fadeSpirit bird he creaks and groans, she knows she has seen this all before She has seen this all before, she has

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> Slowly we fade Slowly it fades Slowly we fade Slowly it fades

Slowly we fadeSoldier on, soldier on my good countrymen
Keep fighting for your culture now, keep fighting for your land
I know it's been thousands of years and I feel your hurt and
And I know it's wrong and you feel you've been chained and broken and burned
And those beautiful old people, those wise old souls

Have been ground down for far too long
By that spineless man, that greedy man, that heartless man
Deceiving man, that government hand taking blood and land
Taking blood and land and still they can
But your dreaming and your warrior spirit lives on and it is so so so

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In the earth, in the trees, in the rocks,
In the water, in your blood and in the air we breathe
Soldier on, soldier on my good countrymen
Keep fighting for your children now, keep fighting for your land

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