Soon we'll count the rings inside all one by one Wondering if I could point to the place Where we first slept 'neath it's branches Oh oh

Leaves once rose like an ocean we swam when we were boys
This one was all things a mansion a fortress
And as we matured it was shade for
The secrets that we passed along

But this oak has grown old wither-wrung
It threatens to fall
Better for us if the axe splits the trunk they say

On your tip toes a ten-penny nail jutting high in the bark Relics of tree houses built and torn down Places we hid after dark oh Oh oh

Please please lend some belief to this hard wasted ground Where little green soldiers and Indians fought This is the burial mound of My youth and my innocence

This oak has grown old wither-wrung
It threatens to fall
Better for us if the axe splits the trunk they say

Oh oh oh

Better for us
Better for us
Better for us
Better for us yeah
Better for us
Better for us

Oh oh oh