## **Tether**

**Indigo Girls** 

Whatever it was, is wasn't manumission To spill the blood, to pull the weed You can bury the past, but it's a mausoleum With the ghost of a fist that won't let us be Can we bring it together, Can we call from the mountain to the valley below? Can we make it better, Do we tether the hawk, do we tether the dove? I kicked up the dirt, and I said to my neighbor "We keep making it worse, we keep getting it wrong" He tucked in his shirt, he stood a little bit straighter, He said "We need a few less words dear, we need a few more guns . " But will it bring us together, Can we call from the mountain to the valley below? Can we make it better, Do we tether the hawk, do we tether the dove? Enduring love Why so much and so strong, beyond this short existence? So don't be still You say there's a long line behind you And it's hardly worth the mentioning But I will Cause we may flicker and fade, But we never will be through with this I see this world battered but not broken There's a fallow heart, it's waiting on a sowing hand You can grow what you want, But one day it's gonna rise up So plant what you need to make a better stand And we'll bring it together And we'll call from the mountain to the valley below. And we'll make it better Let go of the hawk, we let go of the dove. I sing to you, all you true believers With the strength to see this and not be still. I'm telling you now, find the hope that feeds you, Don't let 'em bleed you of your will.