

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 ashamed,
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 in ancestral twine, ancestral
twine.
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same spirit by side,
Joining hearts and hands in ancestral twine, ancestral
twine.
Slow--ly it fades, and slowly we fade, slowly you fa-
de, slowly you fade.

Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.
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Spiritbird she creaks and groans, she knows she has,
Seen this all before she has,
Seen this all before she has.
Spiritbird she creaks and groans, she knows she has,
Seen this all before she has,
Seen this all before she has.
Slowly you fade, Slowly you fade, Slowly you fade,
Slowly you fa_____de.
Slowly you fa_____de.

Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.
Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.
Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.
Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo, Soldier on.

Soldier on my good countrymen, Keep fighting for your
culture now,
Keep fighting for your name , And I know it's been,
thousands of years,
And I feel your hope, And I know its wrong,
you feel, you've been chained and broken and burned,
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 you're dreaming, that your warrior spirit lives on,
and there its,
so, so so strong in the earth, in the trees and in the
rocks, in the water in your blood and in the air we
breath_____ Soldier On.

Soldier on my good countrymen, Keep fighting for your
children now,
keep fighting for your name_____
Slowly you fa_____de, Slow_____ly!
Slowly you fa_____de, Slowly you fa_____de.

Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.
Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo. Emannahyo Yo, Yo, Yo.

(Unammanahayo umma yeh, Unammanahayo umma yeh).

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