

Wide Eyed

Kneebody

Guiding her into dream time
Following lights in her eyes
This living behind's got her frightened
So I'm here and I'm working all nightHow is she not breaking down?
 Oh God I feel her shaking
 Try as I might to provide her light
In the end it's she who's breakingI'm holding the choice as she grows life from it's stem
 Is it better to say not now when I'm trying learn: yes?
 I'm dreaming of bouncing feet and your motherly smile
But when you're sleeping so far away I can't feel what's insideHow am I still holding on?
 Oh God I hope I am holding
She'll try and describe what my strength provides but I fear my strength is failingIf I could change my mind
 I would changeWhat's the change for the better
 For a child who learns not to cry?
 And to the boy who relies on his anger:
 You'll survive but you won't feel exchangeAnd why all these doubts?
 And what are all these doubts?
I see in her eyes that I'm holding her fine but all I'm hearing is doubtsEven as water's crushing over my head
 And the rhythm that I would slow is picking up it's pace
 I'm learning from older shames as I'm watching them die
And I'm still hoping to see her smile in the morning when we wakeNow that I am waking up
 Oh God I hope I am waking
Though I'm overwhelmed at times I find that I'm less afraid of changeChange all the timeI'm still finding
 what's sure
 and not getting lost in my mind
 I know I can tryNeedling my own
 But still
 getting lost in her eyes
 And hoping it's timeWide eyed
 I get wide eyed

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