Do We Dare

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The prayers that we pray in foxholes and funerals

The songs that we sing in delivery rooms

The questions we ask when nobody's listening

But the man in the moonThe way our hearts beat, faced with a sunrise

Like maybe they know something we don't

But it's all in code and we can't decode it

Or maybe we won'tDo we dare pay attention, dare even mention

The mystery we find ourselves caught in

And do we dare to remember

All that we have forgottenEach breath that we take, we take for granted

So if there are clues we remain unaware

All the days of our lives burn down like matches

Vanish into thin airBut there are dreams that we dream when we least expect them

And memories that come like unbidden tears

All the things we believed when we were just children

It's been so many yearsDo we dare pay attention, dare even mention

The mystery we find ourselves caught in

And do we dare to remember

All that we have forgottenWe are battered and torn from the day we are born

In a world that has blinded and bound us

Is it any surprise we don't open our eyes

To the truth that's disguised all around us? Like the secrets we keep, we don't know we're keeping

From before there was time, before there were lies

Can we find you again, this far from the garden?

Do we dare even try?Do we dare pay attention, dare even mention

The mystery we find ourselves caught in

And do we dare to remember All that we have forgotten? Forgotten, forgotten

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