

# Endangered Species

## Esperanza Spalding

She's in danger, too  
Human danger  
Lone canary nesting near a runway whispers  
Earthly strangers  
Mighty jet planes fly you casually glancing  
O'er seas and mountains  
Too high to see this dying bird singing her swan song  
No one hears it through the din as engines burn  
Stars across the sky  
Watch the caveman fly  
Taking in the sights  
Breathing out things die  
Mother nature  
Dying to reach you hasn't heard from you in  
Ages since when her young children  
Listened to her songs with awe and reverence  
Now adolescents growing fast and eating her heart  
No more thank you's no good mornings

Earthly dangers  
What was once your modest home now  
Swarms with cars and poison  
Brown skies noise and playing with toys that kill you family  
Blowing up the mountains foul oil fountains  
Watch the caveman burn through the sky  
The last canary screams her final song and dies while  
Towards her nest crawl more sprawling towns  
What burns up must come down  
Human nature  
Scrambling late to curb hard consequences  
Young mankind so much potential  
Time to heed Earth's guidance  
Though our science brought us to novel heights  
We must come back to mother  
First she'll ground us the she'll whisper  
You were my most endangered species  
She's in danger, too

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