

Alert Status Red

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In the wilderness
Uncountable voices
Earplugs for the birds and the animals
And blinders for your beast of burden
The will for learning
These books were made for burning
In the wilderness
Beneath the ancient sand
Lies crushed and tanned
Those sapphire girls
May we never forget you
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In the wilderness
The only place to find freedom
Is in the dictionary under "F"
Men in holes, men in caves, men in chains
I asked but the store clerk needn't check
Man I forget which came first
The bad idea or me befallen by it
Not giving a shit
May we never forget you
Hmm, may we never forget you
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In the wilderness
Senile live the zealous
Lost to the treasures that compel us
Muted down like patriots amiss
You know I'm jealous
Of how you can just turn them off
Those bad ideas that feel so soft
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