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Some people went around interviewing dying patients
And not one person said they regretted
Not making more money, or working harder
They all seemed to say their regrets were
Not spending more time with the people they love
And not traveling more
And relating more to the world and the planet.

"The song expresses feelings of grief,
Anger and empowerment,
And is based on murder,
Rape and plunder that happened to
A particular tribe.
It's such a powerful song it lets me get my
Voice into the kind of areas
That wouldn't be possible singing
One of today's songs.
It's gut-wrenching,
Deeply emotional stuff,
All about acknowledging the pain that goes with the fight
For self determination,
And the fact that we've survived that pain.
I think every person feels that to some extent,
Not just indigenous people but everyone."

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