

# Driving the Last Spike

## Genesis

Leaving my family behind me  
Not knowing what lay ahead  
Waving goodbye as I left 'em in tears  
Remembering all we'd saidI looked to the sky, I offered my prayers  
I asked Him for guidance and strength  
But the simple beliefs of a simple man  
Lay in His hands and on my head, my headI gave everything that they wanted  
But still they wanted more  
We sweat and we toiled  
Good men lost their lives  
Don't think they knew what forI sold them my heart, I sold them my soul  
I gave everything I had  
Oh, but they couldn't break my spirit  
My dignity fought back, fight backCan you hear me? Can you see?  
Don't you hear me? Don't you see?We worked in gangs for all we were worth  
The young boys pullin' the wagons  
We were diggin' the tunnels, shiftin' the earth  
It was then that it happenedWell, no one knew how the cracks appeared  
But as it fell they all disappeared  
Stone fell like rainCan you hear me? Can you see?  
Don't you hear me? Can you breathe?  
(Can you breathe?)The smoke cleared, the dust it settled  
No one knew how many had died  
All around there were broken men  
They'd said, it was safe, they'd liedYou could hear the cries, you could smell the fear  
But good fortune that day was mine  
And it occurred to me the heart of a good man  
It seems is hard to findCan you hear me? Can you see?  
Don't you hear me? Don't you see?We worked, how we worked  
Like the devil for our pay  
Through the wind, through the snow  
And through the rainBlasting and cutting  
Through God's country like a knife  
Sweat stingin' my eyes  
There has to be a better lifeOh, but I can hear my children's cry  
And I can see the tears in their eyes  
Memories of those I've left behind  
Still ringin' in my earsWill I ever go back again?  
Will I ever see her face again?

Oh, I'll never forget that night  
As they waved goodbye to their fathersWe came from the North, well, we came from the South  
With picks and with spades and a new kind of order  
Showing no fear of what lies up ahead  
They'll never see the likes of us againDriving the last spike  
Liftin' and layin' the track  
With blistering hands  
The sun's burnin' your backOh, but I can hear my children's cry  
I can see the tears in their eyes  
Memories of those I've left behind  
Still ringin' in my earsWell, I'll always remember that night  
As they waved goodbye to their fathersWe followed the rail, we slept under the stars  
Digging in darkness and living with danger  
Showin' no fear of what lies up ahead  
They'll never see the likes of us againCan you hear me? Can you see?  
Don't you hear me? Don't you see?  
(Don't you hear me? Don't you see?)

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