My Orphan Year

My father had dementia He lied in bed for months Once in a while he'd call me And ask me to fly down I told him that I'd love to But I had things to do And so he died without his son I heard about it drunk after a show

My mother battled cancer For over seven years I nursed her and I held her When time was running out The night before she left me I drank scotch all night And thanked her for everything she'd done Raising me alone wasn't much fun

So dad I can forgive you, but I'll never forget, Months I wouldn't see you and when I did You'd be out with your friends all night Alone and only nine I watched the outer limits And scared out of my mind I wonder if you felt the same The days before you died I wonder if you even knew Why I wouldn't come around I bet if you had been there, There wouldn't be this song

2006 goodbye parents For once I am sincere 2006 my orphan year