

# Leaves Don't Drop (They Just Let Go)

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The truth I knew when I was eight.  
My dad swam the length of Spirit Lake.  
It must have been a million miles.  
This I knew was true.  
My mother sang while hangin' clothes.  
Her notes weren't perfect heaven knows.  
But heaven opened anyway.  
And this I knew was true.

Chorus: Leaves don't drop they just let go,  
And make a place for seeds to grow.  
Every season brings a change,  
A seed is what a tree contains,  
To die and live is life's refrain.

I left her with some groceries,  
Said, "Check the oil and call me please."  
She said "Hey, ma I'll be just fine."  
This I knew was true.

I've traveled through my history,  
From certainty to mystery.  
God speaks in rhyme in paradox.  
This I know is true.

And finally when life is through,  
I'm what I am not what I do.  
It comes down to you and your next breath,  
And this I know is true.