

So Afraid

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All the kids run around playing free and fun, while the dogs lap
around the can
Falling down, climbing trees, swimming in the river, no life jacket
on their backs
Daughters sharpen their knives and they hunt for food, others watch
their children grow
Mothers going to work and they shake the hands of a corporate tycoon's
ghost

And I'm afraid (ahhhh)
I'm so afraid (ahhhh)
What if I lose?
Is what I think to myself
I'm fine in my shell
I'm afraid of it all, afraid of loving you

I'm a gift and a curse to the wilderness when the leaves only turn to
brown
The birds fly high and they wink at all of the grandmothers on the
ground
Rain pours down in the village dens, my cousins fetch for lunch
While I sit in my room writing letters to my church and things and such

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