

# We Endure

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The fields were fallow, the wells were dry  
A mother's sorrow begged an unforgiving sky  
And every day another year dragged by  
'Til it seemed that even God had turned his back  
And just like Mother Earth, we soon would crack

But we endured  
Though the road only got longer, we endured  
And it seemed to make us stronger  
Even when the wolves were howling at the door  
We endured

Summer sorrows gave way to winter chills  
Fever stalked the land 'til it drank its fill  
Of children sweet as mother's milk  
Every night another angel earned its wings  
And it seemed we would not live to face the spring

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And it seemed to make us stronger  
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Our hearts are fragile  
Our bodies soon unwind  
We've barely learned to live  
When we begin to die  
When your children ask me  
Why we're even born  
I say - we are but the tail wind of a storm  
The thunder echoes loudest when it's gone

And we endure  
Though the road only gets longer, we endure  
And I swear it makes us stronger  
Even when the wolves are howling at the door  
We endure  
Even when the wolves are howling at the door  
We endure