

## Lay down

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I was hoping I was a child  
But perhaps I am a guide  
Writing to set you free  
A guardian of the in-between

Lay down  
Down in the deep where your love comes from  
Lay down  
Down in the deep where it feels like all is gone

I remember in your chair  
By the bed in palliative care  
You had bled through your jeans  
A weeping wound, living and dying

I just want you to lay down  
Down in the deep where your love comes from  
Lay down  
Down in the deep until you feel like all is gone

In that moment  
1995  
You were the daughter  
And tonight  
When I looked up from my notebook  
There was a scythe in my hand

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Lay down  
Down in the deep until you feel like all is gone