I was born in the Spring and raised as a child through the year s of the great harvest

The last of the generation that blew away the prison walls of the past

And we celebrated victory over the remains of the old order By blasting into space, into the mountains, into the forests and into the ice

We sang songs of love and freedom

And we vowed to protect the weak even as they were cast aside For the follies of everlasting youth were to be our new religio ${\bf n}$

For each person's dream was to be made flesh and the world it w as ours

As we slashed and we burned and laid waste to it all To the glory and the vanity of rock and roll Saying I want it all now
As our children stood and watched us in silence Pray god they'll forgive us

So the seeds planted for the future withered even within our ow n lifetimes

For it was the ties we so hated and destroyed that had made us strong

Remember all those songs of love and freedom

As if they were the same thing - now we know they were not the same thing

They echo in empty beauty down through the boarded-up streets To the sound of closing doors and the locking of the gates

As we slashed and we burned and laid waste to it all To the glory and the vanity of rock and roll Saying I want it all, give me more and more As our children stood in silence and watched us And now pray god they'll forgive us