Live and Let Live

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Just how much does it have to hurt
Before you let go the pain?
Just how deep does it have to be
Before you yearn to be free again?
Every wound can lock you away
You can walk or you can choose to remain
Everyday can pass you by
While you were holding the key

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This is what we do
This is who we are
When we forgive we can move on
Release all the shackles one by one
We belong to the burden until it's gone

Just how long do you want to hate
With all that anger to burn?
You dream of revenge
And you dream a reply
You hope that someday we learn
Every time you think of that hurt
It spins around in your mind
With an eye for an eye
Again and again
Until the whole world is blind

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Yeah, yeah, yeah
Lay the burden down
I'm gonna lay the weapons down
Lay the burden down
William Blake wakes his sting, drawing out Martin Luther King
Tutu and Madiba saying rainbows still exist
The voice of the Elders coming through the mist
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To learn to forgive
To be brave enough to listen
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To start to forgive
To be brave enough to listen
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