

# Twisted Root

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Take me back to  
That moment  
When the twisted root started growing  
I wanna chop it down  
Right there in the dirt  
And erase the way I made myself and others hurt

But I can't go back in time  
No matter how bad I wanna make it right

So help these roots grow straight  
No matter how they twisted  
No matter how I hate  
How long I was afflicted  
When I was sick and full of poison  
Losing every battle  
I could not reach the gate  
I sunk back in the valley  
From the twisted root  
The curving spine  
The wasted years  
The rusted blade of time  
The deepest cut of all  
When I made my father cry  
I wish it was enough then  
To change my life  
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How do I stand here  
In this moment?  
Let the pain roll in and try to own it  
'Cause all I've ever done  
Is sink down in the dirt  
Underneath the way I made myself and others hurt

'Cause I can't go back in time  
No matter how bad I want to make it right

So help me stand up straight  
And tilt the crooked picture  
And not look at my face  
And only see what I disfigured  
From the years I filled with poison  
In the shadow of the mountain  
I could not find the gate  
I sunk back in the valley  
From the twisted root  
The curving spine  
The wasted years  
The rusted blade of time  
What I could not repair  
What I could not unwind  
Make it be enough now  
To change my life

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