

## Xavier Rudd "Spirit Bird"

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Spirit bird

Give it time and wonder why do what we can laugh an  
we cry and we sleep in your dust because we've seen  
this all before.

Culture fades with tears and grace leaving us stunned  
hollow with shame we have seen this all, seen this all  
before.

Many tribes of a modern kind, doing brand new work,  
same spirit by side, joining hearts and hand and  
ancestral twine, ancestral twine.

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Slowly it fades. Slowly we fade

Spirit bird she creaks and groans she knows she has,  
seen this all before she has, seen this all before.

Spirit bird she creaks and groans she knows she has,  
seen this all before she has, seen this all before.

Slowly it fades. Slowly you fade

Soldier on soldier on my good country man. Keep  
fighting for your culture, now keep fighting for your  
land.

I know its been thousands of years and i feel your hurt  
and i know its wrong and you feel youve been chained  
and broken and burned and those beautiful old people  
those wise old souls have been ground down for far  
too long by that spineless man that greedy man that  
hearless man deceiving man government hand taking  
blood and land taking blood and land and still they can  
but your dreaming and your warrior spirit lives on and  
it is so so so strong in the earth in the trees in the rocks  
in the water in your blood and in the air we breath

Soldier on soldier on my good country man, keep  
fighting for your children now keep fighting for your  
land

Slowly it fades slowly we fade slowly you fade slowly it  
fades

Give it time and we wonder why do what we can laugh  
and we cry and we sleep in your dust because weve  
seen it all before

