

## **Don Mclean**

### **"Genesis"**

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In the beginning there was nothingness and God but  
waved his hand  
and from the endless void there sprang the beauty of  
the land  
and high above the canyon walls the diamond stars  
were new  
and breezes blew from nothingness and herbs and  
grasses grew  
and silent creatures roamed the Earth and multiplied  
their [Do7]kind  
and man was but a molecule that God had left behind.

Chorus:

We have grown we have grown, we have captured the  
throne  
of the kingdom God made for our winning.

We have grown we have grown, but our children alone  
have so little time left for beginning.

And mountains sprang and chaos rang the overture of  
life

and rivers coursed the twisted blade of natures  
sharpest knife

and cut beneath the rolling dales a gateway to the sea  
while tidal waves and mighty gales were heard in  
symphony

and sunshine fell upon the waves and warmed the  
virgin land

and from the mud a drop of blood was left upon the  
sand.

(Chorus)

And eagles flew from craggy peaks above the garden  
wall.

The drop of blood became a man, the tree of life grew  
tall.

And perfect in his loneliness, a rib pulled from his  
chest

formed a sweet companion of pulchritude and breast.  
And from the tree of knowledge God said they could  
not eat.

And perfect was their paradise unto the serpent at their  
feet.

(Chorus)

Tree of knowledge, tree of death, upon the ground

they trod.

The serpent said your eye's will see and ye will be a  
god.

Defy the word and eat the fruit and ye will never die  
and you will chart your destiny and rule the Earth and  
sky.

And man was banished east of Eden. See what we have  
lost.

For though the father sets the price, the children pay  
the cost.

(Chorus)

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