

## Indigo Girls "Tether"

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Whatever it was, is wasn't manumission  
To spill the blood, to pull the weed  
You can bury the past, but it's a mausoleum  
With the ghost of a fist that won't let us be  
Can we bring it together,  
Can we call from the mountain to the valley below?  
Can we make it better,  
Do we tether the hawk, do we tether the dove?  
I kicked up the dirt, and I said to my neighbor  
"We keep making it worse, we keep getting it wrong"  
He tucked in his shirt, he stood a little bit straighter,  
He said "We need a few less words dear, we need a  
few more guns."  
But will it bring us together,  
Can we call from the mountain to the valley below?  
Can we make it better,  
Do we tether the hawk, do we tether the dove?  
Enduring love  
Why so much and so strong, beyond this short  
existence?

So don't be still  
You say there's a long line behind you  
And it's hardly worth the mentioning  
But I will  
Cause we may flicker and fade,  
But we never will be through with this  
I see this world battered but not broken  
There's a fallow heart, it's waiting on a sowing hand  
You can grow what you want, But one day it's gonna  
rise up  
So plant what you need to make a better stand  
And we'll bring it together  
And we'll call from the mountain to the valley below.  
And we'll make it better  
Let go of the hawk, we let go of the dove.  
I sing to you, all you true believers  
With the strength to see this and not be still.  
I'm telling you now, find the hope that feeds you,  
Don't let 'em bleed you of your will.

