Kevin Devine "Awake In The Dirt"

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Dad I know You can't see My actions as A plea for peace

You can't get past The rocks stained red The nailbomb blast The doctor, dead

Your prairie dream Your liberal heart Your patient mind Your father's arms

They just won't do
They just can't fit
It's them, not Marx
You can blame for this

Alive in the dirt
Alive in the dirt
I am still, sainted + waiting
For my perfect pain to speak through me again

Dad, I found God Through Vietnam My Lai's graves Agent Orange

See, we live lies We have to choose Our bombs spoke loud So I spoke, too

Then disappeared 10 miles from home Newark slum Where you won't go

It's here I've found My higher self A life that works
And suits me well

I pray for the dirt I pray for the dirt And I ask to suffer in silence To stay here in hell

Awake in the dirt

My stutter lifts My words come clear Your little girl She's just not here

I am sure At my death The truth will float On God's sweet breath

Until that time Don't ask for me Behind this veil Is where I'll be

At one with the dirt At one with the dirt I'm at peace, sainted + waiting For my perfect pain to cover me for good

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