

## **Michael Tomlinson**

### **"Living Things"**

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Long ago I hated cities  
Didn't want to live in one  
All dreams they headed North  
Where Colorado waters run  
I was young thought all I needed  
Were virgin mountains wild ground  
And while I still believe in those things  
I also need my friends around  
We've begun to notice lately  
What we've done to this old Earth  
She making storms, I think she's saying  
Can't you see I'm really hurt  
I don't know just how to change it  
Holy Father, hear my prayer  
We see our Mother worn and weak  
And we're all left abandoned here  
Chorus:  
We need to rediscover passion  
So we can feel this world again  
Oh deep denial you're the dragon  
And we're the fragile living things  
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I no longer see the city  
As just a place to get out of  
With all the lost and lonely people  
We're here to show each other love  
We can't do it scared and scattered  
Hidden on some mountain top  
Thought we've all been torn and tattered  
I hope we're far from giving up  
And what we're seeing sometimes hurts us  
All the anger, fear and pain  
They're only rising to the surface  
To be replaced with love again  
With love again  
All the world is now a city  
Though overgrown, it's our hometown  
Tender planet bearing many  
Let's throw our useless weapons down  
We can watch animals living  
No longer need to shed their blood  
Futile grains and fruits we're given

Release the beasts they gave enough  
And we'll recall what we've forgotten  
From long ago the world is good  
And now at last the trance is broken  
And we'll explore our humanhood  
We'll become our humanhood

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