Phillip Thomas "Squirrel"

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[From the CD of Wise After The Event, also b-side of We're All As We Lie]

Out at night

I saw a squirrel lying in a ditch beneath a great elm tree

Grey and weak

His tiny eyes revealed the secret of this vigil strange and free

Hour after hour he pursued

Weaker and weaker you grew

Squirrel, friend

I see you lying and there's nothing I can do to bring you back

Grey and weak

Your tiny eyes don't understand the strangeness of this pain you feel

All through the night you will lie

Each moment death's hour draws nigh

Silently

Your hooded brothers lay you down to sleep forever into time

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Peace, at last

Has come upon you as a Mother's fading whispers to

her child

Hour after hour I pursued

Though you are gone I will still remember you

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