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Phillips Anthony "Squirrel (1978)"

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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

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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