

## **for the Taken by Kimya Dawson**

### **"Lullaby for the Taken"**

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bombs are dropping, smoke fills the air  
i wanna duck and cover but i've gotta stay out here  
'cause i know myself and if i hole up in my room  
i'll be consumed by the doom and the gloom

so i called john 'cause i know he knows sorrow  
he said "i'll be in the city tomorrow"  
so i go down and i watch him sing  
and the way he sings sends a chill right through me,  
yeah

and now there's a mountain goat  
precariously balanced on the frog stuck in my throat  
it says "sometimes whispering's okay,  
but maybe you'd feel better if you screamed today"

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i know she loves the baby  
but the baby has a daddy  
and his daddy loves him too  
how could she take the baby?  
maybe she's gone crazy  
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tuesday night grandma curled up in my bed  
by wednesday morning my grandma was dead  
i was in charlotte, i took the bus home  
her shoes, watch, and teeth were still in my room

and as i lay me down to sleep i felt her spirit rise up  
through me  
she said "i got to live a long eighty six years, dry your  
tears.  
i know it's hard but please let go so i can meet your  
grandpa in the undertow  
chin up girl, you've got to be strong, and know when  
you're singing i'm singing along"

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