

## Lee Ben

### "In the Desert"

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When I am older

When I am 94

I'm gonna die in the desert

That's what the desert's for

And there'll be no water

No rain, no hail, no tears

'Cos it never rains in the desert

Like it has where I live here

I look up and see a million stars in the sky

Not a sound but the ringing in my ears when I die

In the desert

That's what the desert's for

When I am older

When I am 98

I'm gonna die in the city

That's why the city's great

And there'll be no silence

To make me stop and fear

'Cos it's never quiet in the city

Like it is where I live here

I look out and see all the traffic passing by

The smog in the air and the lights

When I die in the city

That's why the city's great

When I am older

When I am 99

I'm gonna die in the country

That's why the country's mine

And there'll be no concrete

Just green trees and some cows

'Cos it's never hard in the country

Like it is where I live now

But if I die tonight in my bed

Still in this town

And all these sounds in my head

I'll never have been to the desert, the city

the country to die there

Because I was busy and blind

And I did not find the time

And I would not have felt alive

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