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**learnin' to be**

*song lyrics*

**run**

Hard, fast ride.  
Blink of an eye.  
Run to the angels  
'fore you die.

Howlin' wind  
bites at your skin,  
draws blood to show you  
you're alive.

Yeah, alive.

Winter's near.  
No time to fear  
darkness. They're calling you,  
my dear.  
Do you hear?

In your head,  
sickness and dread.  
Your heart can lead your soul  
instead,  
if you run.  
Yeah, run.

**wade**

Wade where the water  
flows to sea.  
Don't hear their voices  
call to me.

'Cuz I'm floatin'  
where I'm feelin',  
and I'm learnin'  
to be.

Drift so the undertow  
pulls me in.  
Come up for air when I'm  
done breathin'.  
Yeah, there's no fear  
when I'm out here,  
and my old tears  
dive in.

There in the distance  
lies a shore.  
Treadin' deep water, and  
I am more.

## **missing**

Face turned down.  
Long hair hiding her smile from view.  
She's gone missing from the world.  
She can't listen and be heard,  
too.

Mouths so wide,  
their lips chatter all day and night.  
She stopped waiting for her turn.  
She's not missing every word.  
No.

Hands held high,  
waving to her, but it's goodbye.  
She's gone missing from the world.  
She blows kisses, but they're all  
for her.

## **never coming out**

Out in the world,  
I walk around.  
But, I can only step through shadows  
in the crowd.

So, now I close  
my door to you,  
and I will sit and face the window  
to the truth.

Sun pour in.  
Shine on doubt.  
In these walls are the answers.  
I'm never coming out.

Here on my own,  
I am among  
the loving quiet and the mystery of one,  
for I am all.  
And, all are we.  
That is why I'm never lonely,  
and I lock myself away where I can be.

I am free.

Sun pour in.  
Shine on doubt.  
In these walls are the answers.  
I'm never coming out.

Sun pour in.  
Shine on doubt.  
In these walls are the answers.  
I'm never coming out.

Oh, never.

## **rain**

Rain falls lightly on your face,  
hiding every trace  
of tears.

They laugh to make you cry.  
But, heavens part your clouds  
and sigh.

You are like the only bloom  
in a dying garden.  
Raise your petals to the sun,  
for you are the blessed one.

True, you never had a chance.  
But, now the circumstance  
reveals

wind is howling through your soul  
and whistles a love song  
you know.

Rain sparkles like your jewels  
set into the crowns of fools.  
Shine and glisten 'til they see.  
And, if they won't, you must  
believe.

Shine and glisten so they see.  
But, if they don't, well, I  
believe.

## **roots**

**Inspired by this haiku poem  
by Jenny Bienemann:**

*We are here and gone  
a moment in time, fleeting  
and yet eternal*

Night is falling.  
Lilacs pierce the darkness with the  
scent of time.

Shadows hide the  
wisdom of my garden 'til the  
moon shines.

And soon my heart will go to sleep  
as life grows where the roots are deep.

Morning welcomes  
all the green around me where I  
toiled before.

In my stillness  
I can feel a flower kiss my  
face to mourn,

for now my heart has gone to sleep.  
But, I am bigger than the weeds.  
And so I planted every seed,  
'cuz life grows where the roots are deep.  
Life grows where the roots are deep.  
Yeah, life grows there.