

ONLY ONE (WHEN SHE'S GONE)

I WAS THE TENDER SELFISH AGE OF FIFTEEN (just a teenaged kid)
AND I SAID SOME WORDS TO MAMMA IT STILL SHAMES ME TO REPEAT
(wish those words weren't said)

DADDY CALLED ME TO THE NEXT ROOM
AND SAID YOU BETTER STRAIGHTEN UP SOON
OR YOU WON'T HAVE A PLACE IN HERE TO SLEEP

DON'T YOU HURT YOUR MOTHER (there is only one)
THINK OF EVERYTHING SHE'S GIVEN TO YOU
THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER (never be another)
AND WHEN SHE'S GONE WHATEVER WILL YOU DO?
(there is Only One)

I WENT BACK TO THE FAMILY FARM LAST SUMMER
(the old home place was not the same)
TO WALK THROUGH MY MEMORIES AND MEASURE LIFE AND TIME
(how it had changed)
MY PLAYING FIELDS AND FAVORITE SLED HILL
LOOKED LIKE A CITY LANDFILL
MOTHER EARTH, THE VICTIM OF A CRIME

THE WOODS WERE GONE WHERE I'D BEEN A FAMOUS PIRATE
(ooo, loved the forest)
THE CREEK I'D LEARNED TO FISH IN OOZED AND STUNG MY EYES
(no more crystal waters)
THE WASTE HAD SPOILED THE LADY
THIS OTHER MAMMA WHO HAD RAISED ME
THEN I HEARD A WHISPER FROM THE SKY (SAYING)

DON'T YOU HURT YOUR MOTHER (always honor her)
THINK OF EVERYTHING SHE'S GIVEN TO YOU
(only One Earth, source of everything)
THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER (there is Only One Earth)
WHEN SHE'S GONE WHATEVER WILL YOU DO? (There is Only One)
WHEN SHE'S GONE WHATEVER WILL WE DO?
(Only One Earth, There is Only One)