Child We Buried

We scraped our knees and cried then laughed
Before we learned to hold the past
The tears still wet, we chased the sky
No grudge survived the butterfly

Thirty seconds was the funeral
For every fall and every bruise
We lived inside the only now
(the only now)
Before they taught us how to lose

When did we learn to leave this place?
Who taught us time was meant to chase?
We built museums in our head
And moved in while the child fled
(when did we leave?)

Child we buried, still alive!
(still alive!)
Scratching underneath the lies
Child we buried, hear it cry!
(hear it cry!)
We killed the now to chase the why

Child we buried
(child we buried)
Still alive
(still alive)

We practiced wars inside our heads
Then wondered why our spirits fled
The signal spiral, one word back
The grudge that blackened - then went slack

The fear that fell like funeral ash
The fight rehearsed - but no one there
We time-traveled to tomorrow's grave
And wondered why we felt enslaved
(enslaved)

When did we learn to leave this place?
Who carved the worry in our face?
We built cathedrals to the past
And prayed to pain that wouldn't last
(when did we leave?)

Child we buried, still alive!
(still alive!)
Scratching underneath the lies
Child we buried, wants to breathe!
(wants to breathe!)
Beneath the pills we chose to need

Child we buried
(child we buried)
Won't die
(won't die)

Come back
(come back)
We're still here
(still here)
Come back
(come back)
The child is HERE!

Child we buried, rising now!
(rising now!)
The toddler claims the scarred crown
Child we buried, home at last!
(home at last!)
We are the present, not the past

Child we buried
(child we buried)
NOW ALIVE!
(NOW ALIVE!)

Child we buried...
Child we buried...
(still alive)
...still alive...