

How to Live  
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I close my eyes  
And see a smiling face.  
I can close my eyes  
And hear an angelic laugh.  
I can close my eyes  
And remember you.

The world seems to be falling down  
Ever since I heard her voice.  
You remember Sarah, our friend.  
She called me just now, and said  
Almost nothing at all yet somehow  
That's worse than saying a thousand things.  
Sometimes simplicity can hurt.

All she did was ask  
If I had heard the news.  
I answered with a simple no  
Before she added it was you.  
Then I knew, in that dreadful pause,  
That silence that met me said it all.  
I knew before her mom came on  
I didn't want to hear this news.

I know that this is something big  
To me and all of your friends.  
Somehow I just can't accept  
That this is how it ends.  
Just yesterday I was thinking of you  
As I sat in Build-A-Bear and sighed  
Thinking of how to get a present to you.  
Now it's worse, because you'll never know.

You'll never know how much I thought of you  
Which I did so everyday.  
I put on one of those bracelets they sold  
Those rubber ones that were so popular  
And twice a day I would think of you.  
I don't pray, that's never been for me  
But I made the exception with you.  
I prayed for you everyday.

As the whole situation sets in  
I don't know how to feel.  
Tears escape my eyes unbidden  
But I don't understand why they're there.  
Nothing about you was ever sad,  
Except the way the news spoke of you.  
Through it all I heard you were a trooper,  
A pioneer in everything they put you through  
A pioneer with a smile on her face.

I remember seeing you at Sarah's party  
And for a moment all I wanted to do was cry.  
But then it hit me that you were smiling  
That you were happy and strong.  
Suddenly those tears seemed very wrong,  
Almost rude in the face of your happiness.

Something tells me that not all bad comes from your  
passing  
Not everything that comes from death has to be sad.  
You're not suffering anymore  
You don't have to face that pain again.  
No matter how strong you were  
We all knew you felt pain.  
But now it's gone,  
And you did what you were meant to:  
You taught us all something.

Everyone that saw you in the halls  
Everyone at our high school that saw you  
Learned something from that brief moment.  
You always were smiling, no matter what  
Life seemed to throw at you.  
You got sick, you came back. Never to give up.

You taught me that not everything in life  
You got hurt, you came back.  
You bounced back from everything  
And you taught everyone that knew it

Is fair, and that not everything in life feels good.  
You taught us all something that we will never forget.  
You taught us how to live. Truly live.

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