

Feathers and Scales
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I don't know why – clouds hang in the sky
Bring us the rain - give us the snow - stir up the wind
How does the sun send its rays - out across so much cold dark empty space
To all of these trees holding out their leaves

And what keeps the spheres in line as the moon and the earth dance around the sun in time
And turn out the seasons that make life worthwhile
Life is a mystery - and there's so much left to see
We live and we learn, we love and we die

I don't know why hummingbirds can fly
The way they stop in mid-air – like gravity wasn't there - but I've seen it done
I can't understand - how a sea turtle can find an island
Half way 'round the earth – back to the place of her birth - to lay her eggs in the sand

How does a song sparrow know which is the best way to go
When they fly from Canada to Mexico
Life is a mystery and there's so much left to see
We live and we learn we love and we die

I don't know which is smarter – a red fox or a river otter
A penguin or seal – a human or a whale
Don't know why the dinosaurs - don't walk on the earth any more
But they did for millions of year and we've just come

And all those who passed before us – mastodon and tyrannosaurus
They lived and learned and loved in their time
Life is a mystery and there's so much left to see
We live and we learn – we love and we die

I don't know why – we come in all sizes, colors, and shapes
Feathers and scales – antlers and tails
From the lichens clinging to the highest peak
To the critters living in the deepest parts of the sea - everything that grows from pole to pole

And what about the distant stars – how many hold life like ours
How many hold life like we've never seen
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