

WILLIE SAYS

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C G Am F

(the F chord often has an open G string)

C G

Willie says,

Am F C G

Here's a story that you may not comprehend

Am F C G

But the parking lot will crack and bloom again

Am F C G

There's a world beneath the pavement, that will never end

Am F C G Am F

The seeds are lying dormant, it will never end

And Willie says

If you listen you can hear the sound of birds

Here their song above the chaos, hear their words

Listen to their love song that will never end

Am F C G

The seeds are lying dormant, it will never end

Am F

If you listen you may hear

Em Am F G

And the old one sits with me above the city

Em Am F G

While I watch the madness of the world below

Em Am F G

Then she laughs and tells me that its temporary

Em F G

Underneath the wild garden waits to grow

And Willie says

When you say you are afraid I understand

In a place where one can rarely smell the land

But the ocean breeze still blows here, that will never end

The seeds are lying dormant, it will never end

And Willie says

If you listen to this tree you'll hear its song

Its the music that my people pass along
Its a dream that keeps returning that will never end
The seeds are lying dormant, it will never end
If you listen you may hear

And Willie says
Here's a story that you may not comprehend
But the forest here will rise and bloom again
There's a world beneath the pavement, that will never end
The seeds are lying dormant, it will never end
Listen to their love song that will never end
Its a dream that keeps returning that will never end

The late Willie Cooper was a respected elder of the Lummi Indian Nation who touched many people with her sense of humor and commitment to community.

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