

# Before We Go

♩ = 100

1 Be - fore we go, (be - fore we go) let the riv - er  
 2 Be - fore we go (be - fore we go) may the melt - ing  
 3 Be - fore we go (be - fore we go) may we say

flow, (let the riv - er flow) let the good grain grow, (let the good grain  
 snow (may the melt - ing snow) fill the streams be - low, (fill the streams be -  
 "No!" (may we say No) to the war and woe (to the war and

grow) let the sweet wind blow. (let the sweet wind blow)  
 low) let the tall trees grow. (let the tall trees grow)  
 woe) of friend and foe. (of friend and foe)

Sit - ting on a win - dy moun - tain top as the sun goes down in  
 Watch - ing the first star shine in the night as the old earth spins a -  
 Wak - ing on a dawn - ing moun - tain top as the sun turns night to

fire,  
 round,  
 day,  
 watch - ing the la - zy  
 tree fades gray in the  
 watch - ing the red - tailed

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red - tailed hawk ride the cur - rent higher— but  
 soft moon - light where the great hawk set - tles down. But  
 hunt - ing hawk cir - cling for her prey, she

Em F#m Bm Em F#m

off to the west are the cit - y lights and the streets where the wars are  
 we are the crea - tures crowd - ing her, spoil sea and land for  
 drops like a stone to make her kill, but she will have known when she's

Bm Em F#m Bm

fought at night. Must the world be a place of fear and fright—  
 oil and fur, and some - how we for - got we were  
 had her fill. Is it we, all a - lone, who nev - er will?

Em G

must it be so? I'd like to know.  
 part of the earth be - low— we've got to know.  
 It can't be so, or we must

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go. We've got to know— be - fore we go.