

# Hammer and a Nail

## Indigo Girls

clearing webs from the hovel  
a blistered hand on the handle of a shovel  
i've been digging too deep  
i always do  
i see my face on the surface  
i look a lot like narcissus  
a dark abyss of an emptiness  
standing on the edge of a drowning blue  
i look behind my ears for the green  
and even my sweat smells clean  
glare off the white hurts my eyes  
i gotta get out of bed  
get a hammer and a nail  
learn how to use my hands  
not just my head  
i think myself in a jail  
now i know a refuge never grows  
from a chin in a hand  
and a thoughtful pose  
gotta tend the earth  
if you want a rose  
i had a lot of good intentions  
sit around for fifty years  
and then collect a pension  
started seeing the road to hell  
and just where it starts  
but my life is more than a vision  
the sweetest part is acting  
after making a decision  
started seeing the whole  
as a sum of its parts  
and i look behind my ears for the green  
and even my sweat smells clean  
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if you want a rosemy life is part of the global life  
i'd found myself becoming more immobile  
when i'd think a little girl in the world  
can't do anything  
a distant nation my community  
and a street person my responsibility  
if i have a care in the world  
i have a gift to bringi look behind my ears for the green  
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