

“The Soil is Alive” by the Walking Sticks

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A rock falls down and crumbles apart.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.
A rainstorm comes and the breakdown starts.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.

A spider comes along and makes its home.
It spins an evil web and waits alone.
A beetle gets caught in a web of flies.
They try to escape but no one survives.
The soil is alive.

Their bodies decompose and attract someone new.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.
A fungus comes along and knows what to do.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.

It turns the dead flies into food for plants.
Yummy, yummy, yummy nutrients.
The plants grow old and they start to rot.
They break down with the bugs and rocks.
The soil is alive.

It all stirs together in a dirty stew.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.
For thousands of years it continues to brew.
The soil is alive, the soil is alive.

And to this day it still grows.
There's one last thing that you should know.
The soil that lives beneath our feet gives life to you and me.

The soil is alive. The soil is alive. The soil is alive.

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