

# If I Were Only a Child Again

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If I were only a child again  
No one's ever been, oh, good to me since then  
Everywhere I looked it seemed so color bright  
There were never such things to me as black and white

Remember when we were part of that special few  
Everything it seemed was so pure and true  
I guess we were just too young to understand  
The unselfish cause of death and war and roles of man

Only, only, only a child  
Only, only, only a child  
Only, only, only a child  
Only a child again, hey, hey

If I were only a child again  
I would never want to venture life like this again  
People of the world hurling sticks and stones  
Like the sore fates of one come up and break my bones

Only, only, only a child

If I were only a child again  
And have the ability to understand  
I'd speak for little people from the date of birth  
And ask the grown ups, when will there be peace on earth?

Grown ups, when will there be peace on earth?  
Brother, when will there be peace on earth?

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