

# A Spade

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I will not lie down  
On the wrongful groundwork laid  
While it's still a radical sound  
Just to call a spade a spade  
Dear friends, women and men  
Please check my math once more  
In the totality of all war's history  
There's but one common denominator

The answer is in the intention  
That lies behind the question  
Put that on your standardized multiple choice  
I mean, how's this supposed to look to me  
But half of divinity  
Out there trying to make harmony  
With only one voice

You know I've got experience  
Looking right past the obvious  
So I know what is so big and so close  
Is always the hardest stuff  
For us to reckon with  
The hardest stuff to know

Dear friends, especially the women,  
Tell me are you up to the task?  
Of turning the wheel on human history  
At long last

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On the wrongful ground or play  
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Just call a spade a spade

Dear friends, women and men  
What better time to face  
That we've been looking for  
The answer to war  
In the wrong place