The little girl she said to me
What are these things that I can see
Each night when I come home from school
And mama calls me in for tea

Oh every night a baby dies And every night a mama cries What makes those men do what they do To make that person black and blue

Grandpa says their happy now They sit with God in paradise With angels' wings and still somehow It makes me feel like ice

Tell me there's a heaven Tell me that it's true Tell me there's a reason Why I'm seeing what I do

Tell me there's a heaven Where all those people go Tell me they're all happy now Papa tell me that it's so

So do I tell her that it's true That there's a place for me and you Where hungry children smile and say We wouldn't have no other way

That every painful crack of bones Is a step along the way Every wrong done is a game plan To that great and joyful day

And I'm looking at the father and the son
And I'm looking at the mother and the daughter
And I'm watching them in tears of pain
And I'm watching them suffer

Don't tell that little girl
Tell me
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Tell me that it's true
Tell me there's a reason
Why I'm seeing what I do

Tell me there's a heaven Where all those people go Tell me they're all happy now Papa tell me that it's so