

## How Long

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When you look in to a child's face  
You are seeing all the human race  
And the endless possibilities there  
Where so much can come true  
And you think of the beautiful things  
A child can do

How long can a child survive  
How long if it was up to you

When you think of all the money spent  
On defence by the government  
And the weapons of destruction we build  
We're so sure that we need  
And you think of the millions and millions  
That money could feed

How long can you hear someone crying  
How long can you hear someone dying  
Before you ask yourself why  
How long will we hear people speaking  
About missiles for peace and just let it go by  
How long will they tell us these weapons are keeping us free  
It's a lie

If you saw it from a satellite  
With its green and with its blue and white  
The beauty of the curve of the earth  
And the oceans below  
You might think it was paradise  
If you didn't know  
You might think it was turning  
But it's turning so slow

How long can you hear someone crying?  
How long can you hear someone dying?  
Before you ask yourself why  
How long will it be till we've turned  
To the tasks and the skills that we'll have to have learned  
If we're going to find a place in the future  
Have something to offer where this planet is concerned