

Mother Father

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Mother Father please explain to me
Why the world's so full of mystery
A place so bitter and still so sweet
So beautiful and yet so full of sad, sad

Mother Father please explain to me
Why forests march to deserts be
Why snow capped mountains melt away
What do we tell our babies, what do we say
Oh

Mother Father please explain to me
How a man rocks his child to sleep
Pulls the trigger on his brother's heart
He digs a hole right to the middle of his storm of hatred

Mother Father please explain to me
How it could be so this world has come to be
A precious balance in between
Such cruelty and such kind
Please, please

Mother Father please explain to me
How this world has come to be
Unequaled in her blessings, oh I see
Unbridled hatred so extreme
Please tell me

Mother Father please explain to me
How this world has come to be so
Twisted between time and dreams
Oh Mother Father please explain to me

Oh what's all this talk about
All this talk about it
Spilling down, down, down, down, down
All this talk about
Endless words without
Nothings done

Mother Father do you know
Why one man's belly overflows
Another sleeps in hunger's bed
Oh, we trade our world for a piece of bread
Oh

Mother Father please explain to me
How this rare world's come to be
A place so full of color
and yet overflowing always in black and white
Drowning in the waters of our

Mother Father please explain to me
How this world has come to be
But still blessed in all the things we see
Such a sad, sad home for you and me

C'mon, adult
C'mon not you, c'mon not you
Come a save yourself
C'mon I'll do

C'mon, we're taken on water
We're taken on water, we're taken on water
But you know
We got the freedom!
We got the freedom!
There's no god above and no hell below
It's here with us, It's up to us
To keep afloat

How this sweet world has come to be
Oh, to keep afloat

Mother Father please explain to me!
How this rare world has come to be
Oh, the blue planet, the blue planet
Mother Father please explain to me

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