

# It Won't Take Long

Indigo Girls

They said some men would be warriors  
Some men would be kings  
Some men would be owners of land  
And other man-made things  
False love as the eternal flame  
Would move some to think in rings  
And gold would be our power  
And other foolish things

And you who dream of liberty  
Must not yourselves be fooled  
Before you get to plea for freedom  
You've agreed to being ruled  
If the body stays a shackle  
Then the mind remains a chain  
And that will link you to your destiny  
Where by other souls are slain

It won't take long  
It won't take too long at all

Three men in a desert wandering  
One is knowing and two are scared  
They say time is in the river  
Oh but the river is not there  
Dry in spirit  
Dry in body  
Two will lend themselves to death  
And in grief one weeps into his hands  
And drinks his bitter tears

'Cause it don't take long  
It don't take too long at all  
No it don't take long  
You may say  
I don't know what you're talking about  
And I say  
You mean to tell me that's all

And I stand before you now  
I am hopeful in my rage  
You know love has finally called for me  
I will not wilt upon it's stage  
But you know still smaller than my nightmare  
Now do I print upon the page  
And do we have to live inside it's walls  
To identify the cage

'Cause it takes so long  
Why does it take so long  
And it takes so long  
You may say  
I don't really care what you're talking about  
I'm gonna ask you  
You trying to tell me you don't belong

I am my mother's daughter

But I have seen myself in you  
It's this blessing that I follow now  
And so I must speak true  
I dreamed of thousands dying  
It was you and you and you  
And while the city sleeps so quietly  
There is something we must do

And it won't take long  
It won't take too long at all  
It won't take long  
May say  
I don't know if I wanna know what you're getting at  
It makes me wanna say  
So long

Grief shall come in measures  
Only grief alone will know  
And you'll see it on your family  
And on your own face it will grow  
Then they'll try to keep you hungry  
And they'll tell you to eat snow  
You know pride can be a moving thing  
If we learn the strength of no

And it won't take long  
It won't take too long at all  
No it won't take long  
You may say  
I don't think this has anything to do with me  
Did you ever think you could be wrong

At noon on one day coming  
Human strength will fill the streets  
Of every city on our planet  
Hear the sound of angry feet  
With business freezed up in the harbour  
The kings will pull upon their hair  
And the banks will shudder to a halt  
And the artists will be there

'Cause it won't take long  
It won't take too long at all  
No it won't take long  
And you may say  
I don't think I can be a part of that  
And it makes me want to say  
Don't you want to see yourself that strong

Division between the peoples  
Will disappear that honoured day  
And though oceans lie between us  
Lifted candles light the way  
Half will join their hands by moonlight  
The rest under the rising sun  
As underneath the sun and moon  
A ritualed wailing has begun

And it won't take long  
It won't take too long at all  
And it won't take long  
And you may say  
I don't know how to be a part of what you're talking about

And it makes me want to say  
Come on  
Come on

Oh beware you sagging diplomats  
For you will not hear one gun  
And though our homes be torn and ransacked  
We will not be undone  
For as we let ourselves be bought  
We're gonna let ourselves be free  
And if you think we stand alone  
Take a look around and you will see

We are children in the rafters  
We are babies in the park  
We are lovers at the movies  
We are candles in the dark  
We are changes in the weather  
We are snowflakes in july  
We are women grown together  
We are men who easily cry  
We are words no quickly spoken  
We're the deeper side of try  
We are dreamers in the making  
We are not afraid of why