

## Then Came The Children

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Well come gather around me friends of mine,  
While I sing to you about a minstrel band  
Of children in their witches hats,  
Painting pictures with the pipes of pan

How a young boy and his sister played some tunes  
Upon a whistle made of tin  
And led me through the flower gardens,  
Laughing at the postman's stubby chin

And in my dizzy stupor,  
I was trying to forfeit all I'd known  
And listen to that music that could swirl me in a magic all it'  
s own

But somewhere in the distance,  
You and I, we fought our monsters to a draw  
It was in those days of books and wine,  
With Ferlin Getty grasping for a straw

And out along the highways,  
We journeyed far to find that mystic smile  
Chasing down identities,  
My God we must have run a million miles

So we can teach the children,  
Nothing, nothing but survival in the desert bare  
They can teach us how to laugh,  
How to love and tie bright ribbons in our hair

So sing for us you children,  
Tinkle bells and rhyme the purple, greens and blues  
Think of us as fighting fools,  
Who wintered through our seasons loving you

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Who wintered through our seasons loving you  
'Cause you can teach us how to laugh,  
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