

# Whirl Away

Patti Smith

Hello friend, I've come a callin'  
Passively stationed, active patrol  
Slidin' in at high noon like some reluctant sheriff  
Not wanna get involved in it all

Who stands guard for each other?  
Why must we guard anything at all?  
Anything at all

From the earth's four corners the people are calling  
Forming equations but the questions are hard  
All men are brothers, killing each other  
And Mother Earth is wringing in wonder

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There's a cross on the road, there's a great mill turnin'  
Some seeking answers, some born to dancers  
You can hold on the blade and turn around forever  
Be flung into space into another kind of grace

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Give ...  
Some giveth their hand  
Some giveth their land  
Some giveth their life

You lay in the fields of grain, the staff of life all around you  
But yet you, you will cut someone down  
For their possessions, some material thing  
And our children they're being blown away like wishes in the wind

For the sake of their coat  
Or the colors of their coat  
Or the color of their skin  
Or the name on their shoes

And the mother cries  
"Why they taken my son?"  
And the father wonders  
"Are they taking my boy?"

He extended his hand  
He gave them his land  
He gave them his bread  
He gave them his heart

Said, "Hello friend"  
Hello friend  
Hello friend  
Hello friend