

# Same Thing

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Somewhere between prayer and revolution  
Between Jesus and Huey P. Newton  
That's where you find Jonny 5 shoot, shootin'  
Water guns at the audience while you're scootin'  
You're glutinous max due to the fact that he's tootin'  
On the horn, gonna warn you that I'm rootin'  
For the other team in the culture wars  
So, I stab the beast belly as the vulture snores  
Yo Joe, let it blow with convulsive force  
Till walls fall off their false supports  
Till Jericho's aircraft carriers alter course  
And all brave young Americans are called ashore  
'Cause we've already lost the war they keep wagin'  
Splatterin' the streets in battles that keep ragin'  
Bloodyin' each page in the story that we're studyin'  
Each day the same just the names keep changin'  
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We've been all over the globe on our government's funds  
Leavin' man, woman and child dead, bloody and numb  
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How many times can the line divide?  
How many wars to uphold some pride?  
These fears uncontrolled just swoll the tide  
Of blood in the streets while the people die  
I'ma keep on tryin', long as suffering's multiplyin'  
And why not?  
These souls gettin' tossed and left out to rot  
My back's broad enough to help lift your cross  
As long as you help with mine  
The process of healin' will take some time  
To see the pain in your face is the same as mine  
It's not a game or a race but the stakes is high  
We maintain our mistakes for the sake of sides  
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U.S. is not us  
(Same thing)  
And us is not we  
(Same thing)  
And we are not satisfied  
(Same thing)  
We're tired of the same thing  
(Same thing)  
And we're ready to make change  
(Same thing)  
Are we ready to make change?  
We want money for health care and public welfare  
Free Mumia and Leonard Peltier  
Human needs, not corporate greed  
Drop the debt and legalize weed  
We say yes to grassroots organization  
No to neoliberal globalization  
Bring the troops back to the U.S.A.  
And shut down Guantanamo Bay  
Who let 'em overthrow Jacobo Arbenz?  
Who let 'em overthrow Mohammad Mosaddeq?  
Who let 'em assassinate Salvador Allende?  
I didn't let them but they did it anyway  
Who let 'em overthrow Kwame Nkrumah?  
Who let 'em overthrow Aristide?  
Who let 'em assassinate Oscar Romero?  
I didn't let 'em but they did indeed  
But don't let them assassinate Hugo Chavez  
Don't let them assassinate Evo Morales  
And bring back Martin, Malcolm, Medgar  
Hampton, Schwerner, Goodman, Chaney  
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