

We Oughta Be Ashamed (Featuring Johnny Cash)

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We oughta be ashamed
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We use and abuse such a wonderful name
See the blooming of the flowers
When the spring first appears
Hear the crying of the baby
In its first tender years
Watch the flight of the robin
When he knows winter's through
And the One who made that Robin
Is somewhere watching you
So we oughta be ashamed
We oughta be ashamed
We use and abuse such a wonderful name
Look at the beauty that's all around us
From California to Maine
Then we think how we mistreat it
Oh, we oughta be ashamed
Watch the people pass the beggar
On the street as he cries
"Pencils for a nickel"
Still they pass him by
See the rich man with all his money
Ah, but still he complains
Smell the flowing of all the whiskey
Lord, we oughta be ashamed
We oughta be ashamed
We use and abuse such a wonderful name
And the beauty's all around us
From California to Maine
Oh, we think how He's mistreated
We oughta be ashamed
And think how we mistreat Him
Lord, we oughta be ashamed
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