

Do No Harm

Carrie Newcomer

John Roth had a heart like flame
He believed all souls were loved the same
He packed up his hopes
And his family and moved to Ohio There in the deep, dark wilderness
With a newborn son he soon was blessed
Raised him up in the ways of the old prophets
Named him Isaiah Roth Do no harm, shed no blood
The only law here is love
We can call the kingdom down
Here on earth Beat your swords into plows
Don't be afraid, I'll show you how
Lift your eyes to the skies
All is holy here The forest people soon came near
His message to the red children clear
We can build the peaceable kingdom here
In shadow of these trees They planted oats and beans and maize
They planted their hearts in the dirt of that place
And they learned to speak of hope and grace
In the language of John Roth Do no harm, shed no blood
The only law here is love
We can call the kingdom down
Here on earth Beat your swords into plows
Don't be afraid, I'll show how
Lift your eyes to the skies
All is holy here When Isaiah Roth had just turned ten
He was workin' up in the loft again
He looked out and he saw eight white men
Come ridin' up that day The men called out from the deepening glade
Saying, "Ya'll come on out and we can trade"
The forest people walked out unafraid
With smiles and open hands The white traders lifted up their guns
And shot them down, each and every one
And the Eden that John Roth begun
Lay bleeding on the ground Do no harm, shed no blood
The only law here is love
We can call the kingdom
Down here on earth Beat your swords into plows
Don't be afraid, I'll show how
Lift your eyes to the skies

All is holy here
Now the world has aged by 50 years
The Quakers came and settled near
Old Isaiah Roth still preaches here
That the greatest law is love
Now some people say it's all a scam
Just the ravings of some old man
But Isaiah Roth says he still can
See Eden on the hill
Do no harm, shed no blood
The only law here is love

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