

Eve of Destruction

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The eastern world it is explodin', violence flarin', bullets loadin'
You're old enough to kill but not for votin'
You don't believe in war, what's that gun you're totin'
And even the Jordan river has bodies floatin' But you tell me over and over and over again my friend
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction Don't you understand, what I'm trying to say?
Can't you see the fear that I'm feeling today?
If the button is pushed, there's no running away
There'll be none to save with the world in a grave
Take a look around you, boy, it's bound to scare you, boy But you tell me over and over and over again my
friend
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction Yeah, my blood's so mad, feels like coagulin'
I'm sittin' here just contemplatin'
I can't twist the truth, it knows no regulation
Handful of Senators don't pass legislation And marches alone can't bring integration
When human respect is disintegratin'
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin' And you tell me over and over and over again my friend
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction Think of all the hate there is in Red China
Then take a look around to Selma, Alabama
Ah, you may leave here for four days in space
But when you return it's the same old place The poundin' of the drums, the pride and disgrace
You can bury your dead but don't leave a trace
Hate your next door neighbor but don't forget to say grace And you tell me over and over and over and over
again my friend
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction

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