

Sit Down Young Stranger

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I'm standin' at the doorway
My head bowed in my hands
Not knowin' where to sit
Not knowin' where I standMy father looms above me
For him there is no rest
My mothers arms enfold me
And hold me to her breastThey say you been out wanderin'
They say you travelled far
Sit down young stranger
And tell us who you areThe room has all gone misty
My thoughts are all in spin
Sit down young stranger
And tell us where you beenWell, I've been up to the mountain
I've walked down by the sea
I never questioned no one
And no one questioned meMy love was given freely
And oftimes was returned
I never came to borrow
I only came to learnSometimes it did get lonely
But it taught me how to cry
And laughter came too easy
For life to pass me byI never had a dollar
That I didn't earn with pride
'Cause I had a million daydreams
To keep me satisfiedAnd will you gather daydreams
Or will you gather wealth
How can you find your fortune
When you cannot find yourself?My mothers eyes grow misty
There's a tremblin' in her hand
Sit down young stranger
I do not understandAnd will you try and tell us
You've been too long at school
That knowledge is not needed
That power does not ruleThat war is not the answer
That young men should not die
Sit down young stranger
I wait for your replyThe answer is not easy
For souls are not reborn
To wear the crown of peace

You must wear the crown of thorns
If Jesus, had a reason
I'm sure He would not tell
They treated Him so badly
How could He wish them well
The parlor now is empty
There's nothin' left to say
My father has departed
My mothers gone to pray
There's rockets in the meadows
And ships out on the sea
The answers in the forest
Are carved upon a tree
John loves Mary
Does anyone love me?

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