

# Hard Hand To Hold

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Look him in the eyes, there's no need to be scared  
He's as powerless as you and me  
Though his face is well worn and his clothes a bit torn  
That don't mean that you shouldn't believe When he asks you your name says  
"Brother we're all here in the same game  
But you shrink back like he's a disease  
Yeah, you shake and you moan, you say  
Oh please take me home  
And the homeless all sing the reprise It's a hard hand to hold that is looking for control  
It is tempting to fight when you know that you're right  
It's hard to lie down when you don't trust the ground  
It's hard to hold on, it's hard to hold on Walking home again, there comes a battle with the wind  
As it teases your provisions against shame  
Like all that wax in your hair it becomes painfully clear  
That as long as it's a fight you'll never win And when you get to the door you're still so busy fighting wars  
That you can't look upon your lady as a friend  
You're trying so hard to be right, you miss the love in that first sight  
And your lover feels alone once again It's a hard hand to hold that is looking for control  
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It's hard to hold on, it's hard to hold on Entering the liquor store you try your hardest to ignore  
That street sleeper on your left there all alone  
And the young man on your right with unchained souls and love of night  
You look so scared they laugh and wonder if you're stoned But somewhere deep inside they feel the pain  
they've learned to hide  
Because that same fear has brought much trouble on their homes  
And they know you won't feel safe until that cop car wins its race  
And another life is driven off its road It's a hard hand to hold that is looking for control  
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