

# I Want To Live

**John Denver**

There are children raised in sorrow, on a scorched and barren plain  
There are children raised beneath the golden sun  
There are children of the water, children of the sand  
And they cry out through the universe, their voices raised as one  
I want to live, I want to grow  
I want to see, I want to know  
I want to share, what I can give  
I want to be, I want to live  
Have you gazed out on the ocean, seen the breaching of a whale?  
Have you watched the dolphins frolic in the foam?  
Have you heard the song, the humpback hears five hundred miles away  
Telling tales of ancient history, of passages and home?  
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I want to see, I want to know  
I want to share, what I can give  
I want to be, I want to live  
For the worker and the warrior, the lover and the liar  
For the native and the wanderer in kind  
For the maker and the user and the mother and her son  
I am looking for my family and all of you are mine  
We are standing all together, face to face and arm in arm  
We are standing on the threshold of a dream  
No more hunger, no more killing, no more wasting life away  
It is simply an idea and I know its time has come  
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