

# I Wonder What Would Happen To This World

[Harry Chapin](#)

Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder  
What would happen  
What would happen to this world?  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? Now if a man tried to take his time on Earth  
And prove before he died  
What one man's life could be worth  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? And if a woman, she used a lifeline  
As something more than  
Some man's servant mother wife time  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder  
'Bout what would happen  
What would happen to this world?  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? As I look around us there's such strange things  
There's muggers and there's jugglers and we are led by clowns  
If an answer ever found us, would we change things?  
Or are we just a people rotten ready for the ground And if our future lies on the final line  
Are we brave enough  
To see the signals and the signs  
I wonder what would happen to this world? We see the people, we see them marchin' down  
Do we join the parade  
Or do we try and turn around  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder  
'Bout what would happen  
What would happen to this world?  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world? Disciple children walk the streets, selling books and flowers  
Can they be last ones with a semblance of a dream?  
If we say that no one's out there and we say we're goin' nowhere  
And we avoid the question, is this all that it means? Oh, if a man tried to take his time on earth  
And prove before he died  
What one man's life could be worth  
And I wonder what would happen to this world Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder  
'Bout what would happen  
What would happen to this world?  
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?  
Yes, I wonder what would happen to this world?

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