

# Ain't No Reason

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There ain't no reason things are this way  
It's how they've always been and they intend to stay  
I can't explain why we live this way  
We do it every day  
Preachers on the podiums speaking the sayings  
Prophets on the sidewalk begging for change  
Old ladies laughing from the fire escape  
Cursing my name  
I got a basket full of lemons and they all taste the same  
A window and a pigeon with a broken wing  
You could spend your whole life working for something  
Just to have it taken away  
People walk around pushing back their debts  
Wearing paychecks like necklaces and bracelets  
Talking about nothing, not thinking 'bout death  
Every little heartbeat, every little breath  
People walk a tight rope on a razors edge  
Carrying their hurt and hatred and weapons  
It could be a bomb, or a bullet or a pen  
Or thought, or a word or a sentence  
There ain't no reason things are this way  
It's how they've always been and they intend to stay  
I don't know why I say the things I say  
But I say them anyway  
But love will come, set me free  
Love will come, set me free, I do believe  
Love will come, set me free, I know it will  
Love will come, set me free, yes  
Prison walls still standing tall  
Some things never change at all  
Keep on building prisons, gonna fill them all  
Keep on building bombs, gonna drop them all  
Working your fingers bare to the bone  
Breaking your back, make you sell your soul  
Like a lung, it's filled with cold  
Suffocating slow  
The wind blows wild and I may move  
The politicians lie and I am not a fool  
You don't need no razor or a three piece suit

To argue the truth  
They air on my skin in the world under my toes  
Slavery stitched to the fabric of my clothes  
Chaos and commotion wherever I go  
Love I try to follow  
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Love will come, set me free, I know it will  
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