

# Ravens Child

[John Denver](#)

Raven's child is chasing salvation  
Black beak turned white from the crack and the snow  
On the streets of despair the answer is simple  
A spoonful of mercy can set free the soul  
The drug king sits on his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Even children are twisted to serve him  
Greed has corrupted what once was a heart  
Raven's child keeps vigil for freedom  
Trades for the arms that once made her strong  
With nuclear warheads and lasers in heaven  
Fear does the choosing between right and wrong  
The arms king sits on his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Bankers assure him, he needn't care  
Greed makes a stone of what once was a heart  
Raven's child is washing the water  
All of her wing feathers blackened with tar  
Prince William shoreline, an unwanted highway  
Of asphalt and anger an elegant scar  
The oil king sits on his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Lawyers have warned him, he mustn't speak  
Greed has made silent what once was a heart  
Still there are walls that come tumbling down  
For people who yearn to be free  
Still there are hearts that long to be opened  
And eyes that are longing to see  
Raven's child is our constant companion  
Sticks like a shadow to all that is done  
Try as we may, we just can't escape him  
The source of our sorrow and shame, we are one  
The true king sits on a heavenly throne  
Never away nor above nor apart  
With wisdom and mercy and constant compassion  
He lives in the love that lives in our hearts  
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