

# Mother Father

## Dave Matthews Band

Mother, Father, please explain to me  
Why a world so full of mystery  
A place so bitter and still so sweet  
So beautiful and yet so full of sad, sad Mother, Father, please explain to me  
Why forests march to desert speed  
While snowcapped mountains melt away  
What do we tell our babies, when do we say, oh Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How a man who rocks his child to sleep  
Pulls the trigger on his brother's heart  
He digs a hole right to the middle of this storm of hatred Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How it could be so this world has come to be  
A precious balance in between  
Such cruelty and such kindness [Incomprehensible] please Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How this world has come to be  
Unequaled in her blessings, oh, I see  
Unbridled hatred so extreme, please tell me Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How this world has come to be so  
Twisted between time and dreams  
Oh, Mother, Father, please explain to me Oh, what's all this talk about?  
All this talk about it  
Spinning down, down, down, down, down  
All this talk about  
Oh, endless words without  
Nothing's done Mother, Father, do you know  
Why one man's belly overflows?  
Another sleeps in hunger's bed  
Oh, we trade our world for a piece of bread Oh, Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How this rare world's come to be  
A place so full of color yet overflowing always in black and white  
Drowning in the waters of our Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How this world has come to be  
While still blessed in all the things we see  
Such a sad, sad home for you and me Come [Incomprehensible], come on out you  
Come on out you, come and save yourself  
Come on out you, come on, we're taking the water  
We're taking the water, we're taking the water  
But you know  
We got the freedom, we got the freedom There's no God above  
And no Hell below

Oh, it's here with us  
It's up to us to keep afloat  
How this sweet world has come to be  
Oh, to keep afloat Mother, Father, please explain to me  
How this rare world has come to be  
Oh, let the blue planet  
Let the blue planet Mother, Father, please explain to me  
Mother, Father, please explain

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