

# I Asked When

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Well i dreamed i went out a wanderin'  
i heard promises become fables forgotten  
i saw bridges stretchin' out across the water  
and towers pushing taller

i knew my reality was clearly defined  
by the fences put up around my mind  
i watched them thicken into walls over time  
taller than any boarder line  
i saw civilizations deemed insignificant  
i saw people's history tatooed on their skin  
i saw families taken from their land  
dynasties shattered and stolen

and i asked when... is a revolution  
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in all the burdens of centuries accrue  
that get passed along to every generation's youth  
and all the allegories told in lieu of truth  
i watched them grow wild and spread like the flu

i saw the rise of an untamed industry  
i watched machines paint a paper economy  
i saw my own self stand right in front of me  
and i didn't do a thing

i saw poisons pushed in the street  
and prescription pills mingling in the mezzanine  
with a whole host of wealth of doctors and pharmaceutical companies  
still poor people were dying from disease

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and i broke down at the break of dawn  
I saw new meaning in the clouds above the Pentagon  
as real as the holocaust as stong as the Parthanon  
visions of Sudan Iraq and Vietnam

i stood silent upon a flooded levy  
and stared at the ruins of a merchant city  
and the president who came to dine with the noble elite  
he didnt do a thing

i saw three ships come sailing in  
through the passage of the CARIBBEAN  
i saw children coming home in coffins  
millions marching on washington

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i asked when, when... is a revolution  
i asked when... is a revolution