

Redemption Day

Johnny Cash

I've wept for those who suffer long
But how I weep for those who've gone
In rooms of grief and questioned wrong
But keep on killing

It's in the soul to feel such things
But weak to watch without speaking
Oh, what mercy sadness brings
If God be willing

There is a train that's heading straight
To heaven's gate, to heaven's gate
And on the way child and man and woman wait
Watch and wait for redemption day

Fire rages in the streets
And swallows everything it meets
It's just an image often seen on television

Come leaders, come you men of great
Let us hear you pontificate
Your many virtues laid to waste
And we aren't listening

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What do you have for us today?
Throw us a bone but save the plate
Oh, why we waited 'til so late
Was there no oil to excavate?

No riches in trade for the fate
Of every person who died in hate
Throw us a bone, you men of great

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It's buried in the countryside
Exploding in the shells at night
It's everywhere a baby cries
Freedom, freedom, freedom