

## The Absence of Love

### The Oak Ridge Boys

The churches are empty, the jails are all full  
It's over our own eyes we're pulling wool  
Making us blind to decay from within  
Misguided values where greed is no sin  
Schools are all open but Johnny can't read  
With hands tied behind them the teachers just plead  
Johnny needs parents who honestly care  
But they're busy working with no time to spare

So blame it on Washington, blame it on me  
Blame it on drugs or the next guy you see  
Blame it on money when push comes to shove  
But the blame really lies in the absence

Guns on the streets, drugs on the rise  
That victims are children should be no surprise  
They become what they are from watching adults  
We all took the test, these are the results  
Now it's bars on the windows and locks on the doors  
They look more like prisons than houses and stores  
It's a moral dilemma wherever you go  
When love says good-bye, ill will says hello