

# Sounds Like America to Me

Harry Chapin

Well I don't know about inflation  
Who makes what inflate  
Each new taste sensation  
I don't know why it rates  
And though in my imagination  
I'm sure of how I feel  
My present hesitation  
Is I'm afraid it's real

Some times these days it's hard to choose  
The one right road to go  
But this then is all I'm sure I know

I know when a child is hurting  
That the silence can be wrong  
I know that when old folks are helpless  
I can't just pass along  
And I know when someone's hungry  
I can't just sing this song  
And when I hear somebody crying  
I can't just wonder who that it could be  
Well I hear somebody crying now  
And it sure sounds like America to me

Insecurity can beat me darling  
But sometimes that's where I'm at  
So I hope that you can keep me darling  
So that at least I can count on that  
You see some things stir me deeply  
Though I try to hide from pain  
But wide awake or sleeping  
Some questions still remain

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Sometimes a simple question  
Is much better than the truth  
Sometimes we need our experience  
Sometimes we need our youth  
Sometimes the signs pouring out to us  
That we have lost our way  
Sometimes the times are times that look  
An awful lot like today

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