

# How Long

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Destruction!  
Reluctance  
We fail to see  
Can't see the light

I heard the news  
And it's no surprise  
There's a moment of sadness  
Another brother died  
By the hands of the culture  
Or one of his own  
Children having babies  
Before they're fully grown

How long?  
(How long will it carry on?)  
Tell me, how long?  
(How long will it be this way?)  
Oh-oh-oh, wait a minute!

I read the news once more  
It's the same ol' story  
People out of work  
Can't get no money  
And they say it can't  
Buy you everything  
But no-one's giving  
Giving anything for free

How long can I?  
(Ooh, how long can I carry on?)  
I'd like to know, y'all  
How long?  
(Ooh, how long will it be this way?)  
Tell me! Please, please, please...  
(How long will it carry on?)  
(How long will it be this way?)  
Where?

You can run  
but you can't hide  
You say you got problems  
we got problems worldwide  
War or hunger  
Natural disasters  
And man-made destruction  
With a race moving faster  
Faster, faster, faster!

Is it forever?  
How long, how long?  
Well, bring it down  
In the soul  
I'm hurting, please, I'm hurting  
Please, please, I'm hurting  
Please, I'm hurting  
Please, oh!

We got to come together  
Make it better  
Have a little faith  
And respect each other  
So that we can  
Work these problems out  
See the light of the day  
And make it turn about

Oh, how long, yeah  
(How long can we carry on?)  
I got to know, y'all  
(How long can it be this way?)  
Oh, oh! How long?  
(How long can we carry on?)  
Oh, oh, oh!  
(How long will it be this way?)  
Wait a minute!

You can run, huh  
You can't hide  
So check yourself  
And the feelings inside  
If they're bad  
You gotta find a way  
To make it feel good  
Or we'll have a high price to pay

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Make it better  
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All around about, yeah  
Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh  
Brother, please  
Sister, please  
Brother, please  
Daddy, please  
Brother, daddy!

(We gotta work, we gotta work) We gotta work these problems out, y'all  
(We gotta work these problems out)  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) We gotta work these problems out, y'all  
(We gotta work these problems out)  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) Work these problems out!  
(We gotta work these problems out)  
No more guns! (Work it, work it!)

(We gotta work, we gotta work) Try a little love  
(We gotta work these problems out) Love won't hurt you  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) Try a little love  
(We gotta work these problems out) Love won't hurt you  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) Try a little love  
(We gotta work these problems out) Put a little love  
(Work it, work it!) Aah...

(We gotta work, we gotta work) In your heart

(We gotta work these problems out) In your heart, y'all  
(We gotta work, we gotta work,  
We gotta work these problems out)  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) Man-made disaster  
(We gotta work these problems out) Massive [?] destruction  
(Work it, work it!)

(We gotta work, we gotta work) No more, no more  
(We gotta work these problems out) No more...  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) No more, no more  
(We gotta work these problems out) No more...  
(We gotta work, we gotta work) No more, no more!  
(We gotta work these problems out) No more...