

# Ain't No Reason

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There ain't no reason things are this way  
It's how they've always been and they intend to stay  
I can't explain why we live this way  
We do it every day

Preachers on the podiums speaking of saints  
Prophets on the sidewalk begging for change  
Old ladies laughing from the fire escape  
Cursing my name

I got a basket full of lemons and they all taste the same  
A window and a pigeon with a broken wing  
You could spend your whole life working for something  
Just to have it taken away

People walk around pushing back their debts  
Wearing paychecks like necklaces and bracelets  
Talking about nothing, not thinking 'bout death  
Every little heartbeat, every little breath

People walk a tight rope on a razor's edge  
Carrying their hurt and hatred and weapons  
It could be a bomb, or a bullet, or a pen  
Or thought, or a word, or a sentence

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I don't know why I say the things I say  
But I say them anyway

But love will come, set me free  
Love will come, set me free, I do believe  
Love will come, set me free, I know it will  
Love will come, set me free, yeah

Prison walls still standing tall  
Some things never change at all  
Keep on building prisons, gonna fill them all  
Keep on building bombs, gonna drop them all

Working your fingers bare to the bone  
Breaking your back, make you sell your soul  
Like a lung, that's filled with coal  
Suffocating slow

The wind blows wild and I may move  
But politicians lie and I am not fooled  
You don't need no reason or a three-piece suit  
To argue the truth

The air on my skin and the world under my toes  
Slavery stitched into the fabric of my clothes  
Chaos and commotion wherever I go  
Love I try to follow

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Love will come, set me free, I do believe

Love will come, set me free, I know it will  
Yes, Love will come, set me free, yeah

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