

# I've Thought About It

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I've thought about it  
I really have tried  
And the answer quite simply  
Is that they tell lies  
And they've got the power  
And what they decide  
Affects your life and my life and everybody's life  
besides.

And I've thought about it  
Till my brain says "no more"  
I've justified their actions  
And I've criticised their wars  
And I've watched them balance on the edge of the knife  
And it's your life and my life and none of our lives  
are safe.

From lack of food  
Thousands have died.  
While farmers burn crops  
Just to keep prices high  
And from that kind of logic  
There's no place to hide!  
That could be your life or my life or anybody's life  
next time.

For the sword of justice  
They can find an excuse  
But her scales have gone rusty  
From not being used  
And no blindfold can hide  
The tears in her eyes.  
For your life, my life, and everybody's life besides.

And if Jesus came back  
To lead us again  
They'd make sure that he met  
The very same end.  
Though their names have been changed  
They survive to this day  
They'll take your life or my life, or anybody's life in  
their way.

And my guitar protects me  
But that's not really true  
If you took it away  
I'd be just the same as you  
And though songs never change things  
But they help you decide  
To change your life, my life, and everybody's life  
besides.

And they talk about a revolution.  
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Talk about a revolution . . .