

Feed the Children

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Have you seen the children
Who disturb our paradise?
Staring from the TV
With empty dying eyes
No trace of anger
At the betrayal of the trust
That left them to die, like starving dogs,
In the famine's bitter dust

But if you close your ears you won't hear them crying
If you close your eyes you won't see them dying
And if you close your mind, your heart won't condemn.
If the future's born with every birth
How much is a child's life worth
Feed the children of the earth
Or the future dies with them.

Have you seen the madmen
Who strut the world's stage
Threatening our destruction
As they prance and preen and rage
Rattling nuclear sabres
While humanity holds its breath
Feeding on fear and bigotry
While the children starve to death