

The Voice House

Foolish Notion Holly Near

*Why do we kill people
Who are killing people,
To show that killing people
Is wrong?
What a foolish notion
That war is called devotion
When the greatest warriors
Are the ones who stand for peace.*

War toys are growing stronger,
The problems stay the same -
The young ones join the army
While General What's-his-name
Is feeling full of pride
That the army will provide -

But does he ask himself ... Why ...

Death row is growing longer
The problems stay the same -
The poor ones get thrown in prison
While warder what's-his-name
Is feeling justified
But when will he be tried
For never asking Why ...

(Coda)

Children are so tender
They will cross the earth
If they think they're saving a friend -
They get drawn in by patriotic lies
Right before our eyes
They leave our home
And then they find out, once they're all alone
They're asking the age-old question - Why ...