

John Butler Trio, What Can I Be?

What can I be?
Make me so that I'm right for your society
What do I have to sacrifice?
There is no equal opportunity
Don't even call this your democracy
16,000 hours gone past this year and
No one knows anything

I'm of this earth right from her breath
I'm from this land US, I don't regret
You're telling me to obey what is wrong
I'm gonna defy you, defy you strong.
Defy you strong and on and on and on.
A long time I'll be waiting.

Give a girl a doll and stick her in a dress.
Give a boy a gun teach him how to address
And stick them in their place
Stick them in the place
Keep your system safe
You stick us in your place

Don't you let them bring you down,
Keep your head up, move back on your feet
It is your life that they are looking for
You are infinite so superlative
Let it all go
Won't you let it be?
Let it be.

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But if you're telling me I'm doing something wrong
When I'm not I will defy you strong
No matter what nationality
If you're suffering you've got to fight
And I hope my brother's and sister's say
That they're losing their rights
Stick a flag in a school room,
And you make the children pledge
To a country
That was founded on an edge
Of a knife in an Indian skin
Don't even try, don't even begin
Of telling me of your crusader deeds
Your justification step up and lead

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Keep your head up, move back on your feet,
And if it's your life that they all been looking for,
You got it infinite so superlative
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Long time long time
Long time.. long time.. long time
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