

# Peter, Paul & Mary, The Great Mandala

So I told him that he'd better shut his mouth  
And do his job like a man.  
And he answered "listen, father,  
I will never kill another."  
He thinks he's better  
Than his brother that died  
What the hell does he think he's doing  
To his father who brought him up right?

Chorus:  
Take your place on the great mandala  
As it moves through your brief moment of time.  
Win or lose now you must choose now  
And if you lose you're only losing your life.

Tell the jailer not to bother  
With his meal of bread and water today.  
He is fasting 'til the killing's over  
He's a martyr, he thinks he's a prophet.

But he's a coward, he's just playing a game  
He can't do it, he can't change it  
It's been going on for ten thousand years

(chorus)

Tell the people they are safe now  
Hunger stopped him, he lies still in his cell.  
Death has gagged his accusations

We are free now, we can kill now,  
We can hate now, now we can end the world  
We're not guilty, he was crazy  
And it's been going on for ten thousand years!

Take your place on the great mandala  
As it moves through your brief moment of time.  
Win or lose now you must choose now  
And if you lose you've only wasted your life.