

# 10,000 Maniacs, Hello In There

[ John Prine ]

We had an apartment in the city  
Me and Loretta liked living there  
It'd been years since the kids had grown  
A life of their own  
Left us alone  
John and Linda live in Omaha  
Joe is somewhere on the road  
We lost Davey in the Korean War  
And I still don't know what for  
don't matter anymore

Chorus:  
You know that old trees grow stronger  
and old rivers grow wilder everyday  
old people, just grow lonesome  
waiting for someone to say Hello in There  
hello

Me and Loretta we don't talk much more  
She sits and stares through the back door screen  
And all the news just repeats itself  
like some forgotten dream  
that we've both seen  
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy  
We worked together at the factory  
But what could I say if he asks "what's new?"  
&"nothin what's with you?"  
nothin much to do

Chorus

So if you walking down the street some time  
And spot some hollow ancient eyes  
Please don't just pass em by and stare  
as if you didn't care  
Say hello in there  
hello