

10,000 Maniacs, Hello In There

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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
dout 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 didnt care
Say hello in there
hello