

# Michael Franti, Water Pistol Man

When girls dressed in black they all look so lonely  
and contraceptives don't get used by the horny  
you can't find the key to the door in your building  
but are you still willing  
the responsibility becomes an afterthought  
when one remembers the things that they should've bought  
there's no pretending that you forgot  
must everything in life have political ramifications  
even taking kids on vacation or having a simple operation  
but my friend Billy told me that sometimes  
it takes a grown man a long time to learn  
just what it takes a child a night to learn  
and my son proved his words

(Chorus)

Water pistol man full of ammunition  
squirtin' at fires on a worldwide mission  
but did you ever think to stop to squirt  
the flowers in your own backyard

for all my faux pa's I never said excuse me  
was the simplest things that always confused me  
I never stopped I never looked both ways  
must it always a tug of love between friends and work  
hope to learn the meaning of the word jerk  
before it happens to a rope round my neck  
let's build a bigger telescope  
so that we can see things more up close  
farther away from where we really are  
I was up the whole night before  
reading books about places I'll probably never go  
and those aren't good things to know about

(Chorus)

when I feel with my heart, I know in my mind  
I should say with my lips  
but don't does that make you feel upset?  
I should know that the power of one man seems like a small squirt  
when he aims at the flames of the whole earth  
but the fire starts at home...

(Chorus)