

## Cash Johnny

### "What Is Truth?"

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Johnny Cash

The old man turned off the radio  
Said, "Where did all of the old songs go  
Kids sure play funny music these days  
They play it in the strangest ways"  
Said, "it looks to me like they've all gone wild  
It was peaceful back when I was a child"  
Well, man, could it be that the girls and boys  
Are trying to be heard above your noise?  
And the lonely voice of youth cries "What is truth?"

A little boy of three sittin' on the floor  
Looks up and says, "Daddy, what is war?"  
"son, that's when people fight and die"  
The little boy of three says "Daddy, why?"  
A young man of seventeen in Sunday school  
Being taught the golden rule  
And by the time another year has gone around  
It may be his turn to lay his life down  
Can you blame the voice of youth for asking  
"What is truth?"

A young man sittin' on the witness stand  
The man with the book says "Raise your hand"  
"Repeat after me, I solemnly swear"  
The man looked down at his long hair  
And although the young man solemnly swore  
Nobody seems to hear anymore  
And it didn't really matter if the truth was there  
It was the cut of his clothes and the length of his hair  
And the lonely voice of youth cries  
"What is truth?"

The young girl dancing to the latest beat  
Has found new ways to move her feet  
The young man speaking in the city square  
Is trying to tell somebody that he cares  
Yeah, the ones that you're calling wild  
Are going to be the leaders in a little while  
This old world's wakin' to a new born day

And I solemnly swear that it'll be their way  
You better help the voice of youth find  
"What is truth?"

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