

## **Barry McGuire**

# **"Child Of Our Times"**

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Take your first look around  
And see the world you're coming into  
Ah, have a good cry  
I sympathize with you

Ah, forever gone is your serenity  
For the fleeing fawn  
There's no sacred tree  
They'll try to make  
Hypocrisy of your heredity

So choose your views most carefully  
The future's hope is on  
What you turn out to be

[CHORUS]  
Child of our times  
Child of our times  
Product of our society  
What will you grow up to respect  
Tell me what will you  
Grow up to protect  
In your burning, turning mind  
You are your own worst enemy

Every minute you're alive  
You're that much closer to death  
So try to make the most of  
Each precious breath

Ah, don't wave banners  
You don't believe parasite  
You'll have to discover  
Your own wrong and right  
Just color your perspectives  
Black and white

They'll label you weird  
But that's all right  
They'll thank you in the end  
After they've seen the light

[Repeat CHORUS]

Ah, the heroes of the past  
Were all good guys  
But the leaders of the next war  
No one will memorize

Only the orphan child  
Will sound the cries  
Of a mistake that could  
Never be rectified  
I'm telling you now  
'Cause you can stop it if you try

[Repeat CHORUS]

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