

## **Dave Matthews Band**

### **"Mother, Father"**

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Mother, father please explain to me  
Why a world so full of mystery  
A place so bitter and still so sweet  
So beautiful and yet so full of sad, sad...

Mother, father please explain to me  
Why forests march to desert speed  
While snowcapped mountains melt away  
What do we tell our babies, when do we say, oh

Mother, father please explain to me  
How a man who rocks his child to sleep  
Pulls the trigger on his brother's heart  
He digs a hole right to the middle of this storm of  
hatred

Mother, father please explain to me  
How it could be so this world has come to be  
A precious balance in between  
Such cruelty and such kindness please

Mother, father please explain to me  
How this world has come to be  
Unequaled in her blessings, oh, I see  
Unbridled hatred so extreme, please tell me

Mother, father please explain to me  
How this world has come to be so  
Twisted between time and dreams  
Oh, mother, father please explain to me  
Oh, what's all this talk about?  
All this talk about it  
Spinning down, down, down, down, down  
All this talk about  
Endless words without  
Nothing's done  
Mother, father do you know  
Why one man's belly overflows  
Another sleeps in hunger's bed  
Oh, we trade our world for a piece of bread

Oh Mother, father please explain to me

How this rare world's come to be  
A place so full of color yet overflowing  
Always in black and white  
Drowning in the waters of our...

Mother, father please explain to me  
How this world has come to be  
While still blessed in all the things we see  
Such a sad, sad home for you and me

Come out, and hold,  
Come on out you  
Come on out you  
Come and save yourself

Come on out you  
Come on we're taking the water  
We're taken the water  
We're taken the water  
But you know  
We got the freedom  
We got the freedom

There's no God above  
And no hell below  
Oh, it's here with us  
It's up to us  
To keep afloat

How this sweet world has come to be  
Oh to keep afloat

Mother, father please explain to me  
How this rare world has come to be  
Oh, let the blue planet  
Let the blue planet

Mother, father please explain to me  
Mother, father please explain

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