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Heaven 17 "Contenders"

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We're going to stop this world from turning We build it up you knock it down If you go high then we'll go higher Beyond the sky without a sound

It's gonna take a lot but we got plenty

Keep building up keep movin' round If you use ten then we'll use twenty

They're up above and underground - all around We've won we've lost we've counted up the cost And we've evened out the scores we are contenders

I'm telling you so pay attention

These words of truth come from above In God we trust and he has told me I need you now and I'm talking love

We want a piece of what you're selling Put up your hands and face the wall How much it costs there is no telling How much it costs to walk so small - and we're so tall

In truth we dare we people just don't care We've got you running scared we are contenders Rich or poor or hiding from the law You know what we've got in store we are contenders You're black, or white, arab, christian, israelite

We are hiding in plain sight we are contenders

Don't bother asking for a favour I always get all that I want

Though some are foolish we are braver

Than those who do not have a bomb Forget the turning of the seasons Let's escalate and never stop And yes we've talked but for no reason Let's start again right from the top - countdown

10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Got the world on a string but it ain't got that swing You speed it up we slow it down

A frontier wilder than the west ever was No sheriff round this outlaw town So superman if you're listening Help us out you're on the team

For truth and justice, the american way The fight for right's not what it seems - with laser beams

With gun and sword there is no reward But we're fighting on we are contenders We've won we've lost and we've counted up the cost And we've evened out the scores we are contenders You're black, or white, arab, christian, israelite

We are hiding in plain sight we are contenders

No virgin birth is going to claim the earth We know what you're worth we are contenders

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