

# Joan Baez "Cambodia"

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We've watched them leaving, seen their ragged flight  
Children of the jungle, mothers of the night  
A boy of ten by the roadside lies  
Hears his future in whispers and cries  
And clutching a tiny Buddha charm  
A baby dies in his mother's arms

Is there only sorrow in Cambodia?  
Is there no tomorrow in Cambodia?

Leaving the graves of your ancestors after a thousand  
years  
Leaving a few belongings after a thousand tears  
How come you never left before through bombing,  
famine and flood?  
Are the rivers useless now spilling over with blood?

Is there only sorrow in Cambodia?  
Is there no tomorrow in Cambodia?

I hear there are very few children from ages one to five  
It takes more than jungle leaves to keep the young  
ones alive  
I hear some of the rice got through the outside's trying  
to send to you  
There you sit in the ruins of war, the doctors are  
waiting at your door

And we will try and feed you, try and go to you  
People of Kampuchea, Cambodia

A little way in from the border in the crowded camps  
I've seen mothers giving birth, seen beautiful orphans  
dance  
An old man turns and covers his eyes, he was never  
supposed to cry  
With sons and daughters and home and wife  
Taken from him in his autumn life

Should we try and feed you, say hello to you

Old man of Kampuchea, Kampuchea, Cambodia

Call another conference, write another song  
Deliver another ton of rice and hope it gets where it  
belongs  
And rival teams of bandits are really the only choice  
Even if the people had their bellies filled, even if the  
people had a voice

And meanwhile, lovers are caught in the crossfire  
Children are caught in the barbed wire  
Military sinks in the mire  
Let me show it to you

Is there only sorrow, only sorrow in Cambodia?  
Is there no tomorrow, no tomorrow in Cambodia?  
Still we'll try and feed you, try and show to you  
People of Kampuchea, Kampuchea, Cambodia

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