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John Denver "Raven's Child"

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Raven's child is chasing salvation Black beak turned white from the crack and the snow On the streets of despair the answer is simple A spoonful of mercy can set free the soul

The drug king sits on his arrogant throne Away and above and apart Even children are twisted to serve him Greed has corrupted what once was a heart

Raven's child keeps vigil for freedom Trades for the arms that once made her strong With nuclear warheads and lasers in heaven Fear does the choosing between right and wrong

The arms king sits on his arrogant throne Away and above and apart Bankers assure him, he needn't care Greed makes a stone of what once was a heart

Raven's child is washing the water All of her wing feathers blackened with tar Prince William shoreline, an unwanted highway Of asphalt and anger an elegant scar

The oil king sits on his arrogant throne Away and above and apart Lawyers have warned him, he mustn't speak Greed has made silent what once was a heart

Still there are walls that come tumbling down For people who yearn to be free Still there are hearts that long to be opened And eyes that are longing to see

Raven's child is our constant companion Sticks like a shadow to all that is done Try as we may, we just can't escape him The source of our sorrow and shame, we are one

The true king sits on a heavenly throne Never away nor above nor apart

With wisdom and mercy and constant compassion He lives in the love that lives in our hearts

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