

# John Rich

## "Why Does Somebody Always Have To Die?"

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Mama said, "Stay away from the train yard children  
Don't be playin' on in the tracks  
Those old big devils can sneak up on ya  
And run you down just like that", hey, hey

Well, little brother Jonah didn't heed her warnin'  
Tried to chase a fast one down  
I can still hear the words my mama was cryin'  
As we laid him in the ground, yeah, yeah, hey, yeah

She said, "Why does somebody always have to die?  
Before people listen and open up their eyes  
There ain't no need for hurtin' or the bloody tears we  
cry  
So why does somebody always have to die?"

Mr. White collar in an uptown high rise  
Finishin' a twelve hour day  
A double tall glass of tequila sunrise  
Takes a little stress away, hey, yeah, hey, yeah

Well, he came around the corner doing 87  
Swerving all over the place  
He sent a five year old straight to Heaven  
And never even touched his brakes, hey, yeah, hey,  
yeah

Why does somebody always have to die?

Before people listen and open up their eyes  
There ain't no need for hurtin' or the bloody tears we  
cry  
So why does somebody always have to die?

There once was a carpenter living in Nazareth  
Said He was the Son of God  
Said He came here to free the captive  
And bring faith to the lost, yeah, yeah, hey, yeah

Well, He tried to tell him all about life eternal  
But they just wouldn't believe  
And He said, "Father, won't you please forgive them?"

As they nailed Him to the tree, hey, yeah, hey, yeah

Why does somebody always have to die?  
Before people listen and open up their eyes  
There ain't no need for hurtin' or the bloody tears we  
cry  
So why does somebody, yeah why does somebody  
always have to die?  
Always have to die

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