

## **John Wesley Harding** **"Kill The Messenger"**

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The messenger came with bad news from the front  
Said "the soldiers are starving and their swords are all  
blunt  
They need a show of support or some futile sign  
That's what they told me to tell you, not even the words  
are mine..."

The messenger came with bad news from the war  
Said "the fine young men forgot who they were fighting  
for  
They don't wanna be stars on your tv screen  
That's the general feeling, please don't blame it on  
me"

And the people said "one and one is two  
There's nothing left for us to do  
But since we can blame it all on you  
We will kill the messenger"

The messenger came with bad news from the town  
Said "the phone-lines are on strike and the doormen  
are all down  
They've turned your den of thieves into a temple  
They need someone of stature to set them an  
example"

And the people said "two and two is four  
Don't tell us anymore  
We all know the score  
We must kill the messenger"

Someone brought the news to the messenger's folks  
He said "your son's been killed two times"  
They said "is that a joke? "  
He said "no  
He was he victim of ignorant minds  
I hate to bring such bad news, please don't think me  
unkind"

And the family said "one and one is two  
There's nothing left for us to do  
But since you're here and we can blame it on you

We will kill the messenger  
So if you want to send a message...

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