

Johnny Cash

"Foolish Questions"

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Now you've all heard foolish questions and no doubt
you've wondered why
Some person will ask a foolish question and expect a
sensible reply
Like when you take your girl some candy, say maybe
just after tea
You notice how she'll grab it and then she'll say, "Is this
for me?"

Foolish questions, you can answer when you can
"No, I bought this candy for your Ma or Pa, or for John,
the hired hand
I just thought you'd like to see it, now I'm gonna take it
away"
Now wasn't that a foolish question? You'll hear 'em
ev'ry day

And then most every morning, there is someone 'round
the place
Who sees you take the shaving brush and lather up
your face
And as you give the razor a preliminary wave
This fool will walk up and ask you, "Are you gonna take
a shave?"

Foolish questions, your answer is I hope
"No, I ain't prepared for shavin', I just like the taste of
soap
I kinda like to take the shaving brush and paint myself
this way"
Now wasn't that a foolish question? You'll hear 'em
ev'ry day

Now then there's this fella who meets you on your way
And asks you why your all dressed up and listens while
you say
That you just been returning from the funeral of poor
old Uncle Ned
As soon as you have told him, he will say, "Is Ned
dead?"

Foolish questions, you might as well reply
"No, he thought he'd have the funeral now, then later
on he'd die
You know Ned was always so original, he wanted it that
way"
Now wasn't that a foolish question? You'll hear 'em
ev'ry day

Now suppose the elevator guy should forget to close
the door
And you should tumble down, oh say forty-seven floors
And when you reach the bottom and you're lying there
inert
Some fool will stick his head down the shaft and holler,
"Are you hurt?"

Foolish questions, your dying words are
"No, I was in an awful hurry and that elevator's just too
slow
Usually saves a lot of time you know, comin' down this
way"
Now wasn't that a foolish question? You'll hear 'em
ev'ry day
That was a foolish question, you'll hear 'em ev'ry day

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