

# Johnny Cash

## "What Is Truth"

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The old man turned off the radio  
Said, where did all of the old songs go  
Kids sure play funny music these days  
They play it in the strangest ways

Said, it looks to me like they've all gone wild  
It was peaceful back when I was a child  
Well, man, could it be that the girls and boys  
Are trying to be heard above your noise

And the lonely voice of youth  
Cries what is truth

A little boy of three sitting on the floor  
Looks up and says, daddy, what is war  
Son, that's when people fight and die  
The little boy of three says, daddy, why

Young man of seventeen in Sunday school  
Being taught the golden rule  
And by the time another year has gone around  
It may be his turn to lay his life down

Can you blame the voice of youth  
For asking what is truth

Young man sitting on the witness stand  
The man with the book says raise your hand  
Repeat after me, I solemnly swear  
The man looked down at his long hair

And although the young man solemnly swore  
Nobody seems to hear anymore  
And it didn't really matter  
If the truth was there  
It was the cut of his clothes  
And the length of his hair

And the lonely voice of youth  
Cries what is truth

The young girl dancing to the latest beat

Has found new ways to move her feet  
The young man speaking in the city square  
Is trying to tell somebody that he cares

Yeah, the ones that you're calling wild  
Are going to be the leaders in a little while  
This old world's waking to a new born day  
And I solemnly swear that it'll be their way

You better help that voice of youth  
Find what is truth  
And the lonely voice of youth  
Cries what is truth

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