

# **Joni Mitchell**

## **"Ethiopia"**

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Hot winds and hunger cries, Ethiopia  
Flies in your babies' eyes, Ethiopia  
Walking sticks on burning plains  
Betrayed by politics, abandoned by the rains

On and on, the human need  
On and on, the human greed profanes

Ethiopia, Ethiopia, Ethiopia

Your top soil flies away, Ethiopia  
We pump ours full of poison spray, Ethiopia

Between the brown skies  
And sprinkling lawns  
I hear the whine of chain saws  
Hacking rain forests down

Oh on and on, insanities  
On and on, short sighted greed abounds

Ethiopia, Ethiopia, Ethiopia

Little garden planet, oasis in space  
Some hearts hurt, they can hardly stand it  
Famine phantoms at the garden gates

Ethiopia, Ethiopia, Ethiopia

Every Sunday on TV, Ethiopia  
You suffer with such dignity, Ethiopia

A TV star with a PR smile  
Calls your baby "It"  
While strolling through your tragic trials

Oh, on and on, stupidity  
On and on, the basic needs are defiled  
Good air, good water, good earth

Ethiopia, Ethiopia, Ethiopia

Little garden planet, oasis in space  
Some hearts hurt, they can hardly stand the waste

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