

Smith Patti

"Whirl Away"

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Hello friend, I've come a-callin'
Passively stationed, active patrol
Slidin' in high noon like some reluctant sheriff
Not want to get involved in it all

Who stands guard for each other?
Why must we guard anything at all?
Anything at all

From the earth's four corners, the people are callin'
Formin' equations but the questions are hard
All men and brothers killin' each other
And mother earth is ringin' in wonder

Who stands guard for each other?
Why must we guard anything at all?
Anything at all

Whirl away now, whirl away now
Whirl away now, whirl away

There's a cross on the road, there's a great mill turnin'
Some seekin' answers, some are born with answers
You can hold on to the blade and turn around forever
Be flung into space into another kind of grace

Who stands guard for each other?
Why must we guard anything at all?
Anything at all

Whirl away now, whirl away now
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Some give up their hands, some give up their land
Some give up their life, there in the fields of green
Stops life all around you but yet you, you will cut
someone down
For all their possessions, some material thing

And our children they're being blown away by wishes in

the wind
For the sake of their coat or the colors of their coat
Or the color of their skin or the name of their shoes
And the mother cries, "Why are they takin' my son?"

And the father wonders, why they've taken my boy
He extended his hand, he gave him his land
He gave him his bread, he gave him his heart
Said, hello friend, hello friend, hello friend, hello friend

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