

## **Ry Cooder**

# **"WHICH CAME FIRST"**

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(Willie Dixon & Ry Cooder)

You may be a hater, you may be a lover  
You can bet your life one destroys the other  
I don't know how it all began, which came first  
The egg or the hen

The moon comes up and the sun goes down  
This old world keeps spinning around  
Just as sure as the day turns into the night  
What you do in the dark will turn up in the light  
Masked man ridin' out across the land  
Spreading destruction and moving his hand  
He carries a ray-gun, shoots from the hip  
Got your past in his pocket, your future's in his grip

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You bet your life one destroys the other  
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Now, you bet your life without a doubt  
Asking a masked man to leat you out  
He's got you so tight that you can't even see  
That ray-gun is pointed right at you and me

You won't see it coming  
You won't feel the blow  
You won't get no warning  
You won't never know  
You can't start it sooner  
And fix it up later  
And you ain't going to read about it in the newspaper

Rich or poor, mighty and meek  
Don't need no ticket, you've all got a seat  
High up on the mountain, low down in the alley  
We'll all watch the world turn into death valley

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Better shake my hand 'cause time is winding up  
Shake your neighbor's hand 'cause time is winding up

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