

## **Crosby Stills Nash Young**

### **"Dream for him"**

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How am I going to explain it to him  
What am I going to say when it's something that grim  
How the hell do you tell them there comes an end  
How are you going to handle it and still be their friend  
How do you explain this world we face  
To all of the innocents we brought to this place

These and other questions stand in a row  
And I'm not satisfied with the answers I know  
What are you going to say to those eyes  
I can't even get close to the lies  
That are easier to tell, you just say oh, well  
I'll explain it when he's older  
But somehow that's colder than I want to be

I am uncomfortable lying to a child  
Feels like building a trap for something wild  
Feels like building your house on the sand  
And expecting the ocean to let it stand

Somehow I must come up with better stuff  
You see, I'm just not satisfied with all that simplified  
guff  
That they shovel at the kids by the handful  
Like candy they buy at the stand full  
Of flags by the side of the road  
It's not good for them to hand them that load of crap  
like they do

You see, I want a world where I can tell him the truth  
About everything from Jesus to John Wilkes Booth  
How they lie in the House and the Senate too  
Only get close to the truth when it suits them to  
And the very next day  
They're back to lying that way

Of course it doesn't seem to matter what I want  
But I look at some of the faces all haggard and gaunt  
I wonder which thing made them lose their dreams  
'Cause mine is alive very much it would seem  
And I would just like to be able to hand it to him

Without the light in his eyes ever getting dim  
I want a dream for him

(dream for him)

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