

## **Jim Johnstone**

### **"A Matter Of Conscience"**

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I know what you're telling me to do, but I can't ignore  
the bended truth.

I will always remember, what the world will forget,  
A future once filled with promise is not filled with  
anything - except with regret.

I know what I want is not what I need, what are you  
taking me for?

It consumes every thought - the air that I breathe,  
Don't let it trouble your conscience anymore.

There's no way to make me understand the perfect  
reality,

And there's always a scapegoat right at hand,  
- just paint the target on me.

We fell for all of the jargon, I can still hear the cry,  
Join a volunteer army that never did anything, and  
never asked why.

I know what I want is not what I need, what are you  
taking me for?

It consumes every thought - the air that I breathe,  
Don't let it trouble your conscience anymore.

The past is a noose that dangles just under my chin,  
You swear that you don't despise us, take a stand, and  
lie to us once more.

We are what we are... think about it.

I will always remember, you assume I'll forget,  
A future once filled with promise,  
replaced by a memory, that's filled with regret.

I know what I want is not what I need,  
But it just comes back again and consumes every  
thought  
- the air that I breathe,  
I guess I'd still like to know what might have been.

You can say what you want, I know what I need . what  
are you taking me for?  
You know that I can't accept my defeat.  
It's not a matter of conscience anymore.

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