

I Wonder What Would Happen to This World

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Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder
What would happen
What would happen to this world?
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

Now if a man tried to take his time on Earth
And prove before he died
What one man's life could be worth
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

And if a woman, she used a lifeline
As something more than
Some man's servant mother wife time
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder
'Bout what would happen
What would happen to this world?
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

As I look around us there's such strange things
There's muggers and there's jugglers and we are led by clowns
If an answer ever found us, would we change things?
Or are we just a people rotten ready for the ground

And if our future lies on the final line
Are we brave enough
To see the signals and the signs
I wonder what would happen to this world?

We see the people, we see them marchin' down
Do we join the parade
Or do we try and turn around
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder
'Bout what would happen
What would happen to this world?
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?

Disciple children walk the streets, selling books and flowers
Can they be last ones with a semblance of a dream?
If we say that no one's out there and we say we're goin' nowhere
And we avoid the question, is this all that it means?

Oh, if a man tried to take his time on earth
And prove before he died
What one man's life could be worth
And I wonder what would happen to this world

Oh well, I wonder, yes, I wonder
'Bout what would happen
What would happen to this world?
Well, I wonder what would happen to this world?
Yes, I wonder what would happen to this world?