

Talk to a Green Tree

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Baby in the cradle
I need to stay strong
I need some ease
Before long
And all the world around me
Is still in love with war
And I must teach that baby
That love is what life is for

And you may help me
Pretty daddy
But you can never lead me
'Cause you don't seem to hear me
Gonna talk to a green tree
Talk to a green tree
Green tree?
What am I gonna do?
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I'm a working woman
With a baby on my back
Won't you see me through

Wind in the treetops
Flame in the song
Mother, I need your wise words
But you died before he was born
And all the world around me
Is still in love with war
And I must teach that baby, mama
That love is
What life is for

And you have fire
Little child
And we are growing
And I could really fly
With you by the green tree
We'll lie by the green tree
Green tree?
We're your company
We're your company
I'm a workin' woman
With a baby on my back
I need some energy

Listen, pretty daddy
You can take my place
Childcare and home
Is no disgrace
But eight days a week
May wilt your wild flower
And after you've done it all
Big daddy
Be ready for the midnight hour

And your society
You can never lead me

'Cause you don't seem to hear me
Gonna talk to a green tree
Talk to a green tree
Green tree?
What am I gonna do
To set my spirit free?
I'm a workin' woman
With a baby on my back
I need some energy