

# John Denver, Raven

This song appears on four albums, and was first released on the Earth Songs album. It has been re

Raven's child  
Is chasing salvation  
Black beak turned white  
From the crack and the snow  
On the streets of despair  
The answer is simple  
A spoonful of mercy  
Can set free the soul

The drug king sits  
On his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Even children  
Are twisted to serve him  
And greed has corrupted  
What once was a heart

Raven's child  
Keeps vigil for freedom  
Trades for the arms  
That once made her strong  
With nuclear warheads  
And lasers in heaven  
Fear does the choosing  
Between right and wrong

The arms king sits  
On his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Bankers assure him  
That he needn't care  
And greed makes a stone of  
What once was a heart

Raven's child  
Is washing the water  
All of her wing-feathers  
Blackened with tar  
Prince William shoreline's  
An unwanted highway  
Of asphalt and anger  
An elegant scar

The oil king sits  
On his arrogant throne  
Away and above and apart  
Lawyers have warned him  
He mustn't speak  
And greed has made silent  
What once was a heart

You know there are walls  
That come tumbling down  
For people who yearn to be free  
Still there are hearts  
That long to be opened  
And eyes that are longing to see

Raven's child is our constant companion  
Sticks like a shadow  
To all that is done  
Try as we may

We just can't escape him  
The source of our sorrow and shame  
We are one

The true King sits  
On a heavenly throne  
Never away nor above nor apart  
With wisdom and mercy  
And constant compassion  
He lives in the love  
That lives in our hearts

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