

Eve of Destruction - Barry McGuire (4/4)

Intro: D Riff:

D Dsus4 Dsus2

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e|-2-----3---0--(0)----|
B|-3-----3---3--(3)----|
G|-2-----2---2--(2)--2-| (4 times)
D|-0-----0---0--(0)--0-|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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      D            [ G            A7 ]
The Eastern world it is explodin',
      D            [ G            A ]
violence flarin' and bullets loadin',
      D            [ G            A ]
You're old enough to kill, but not for votin',
      D            [ G
You don't believe in war, but's what's that gun
      A ]
you're totin'?
      D            [ G            A ]
And even the Jordan River has bodies floatin'

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Chorus:

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      D            [ G            A ]
But you tell me, over and over and
      D            Bm
over again my friend,
      G                            A
Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of

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D Riff D Riff

Destruction.

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      G                            A
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Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say?
 Can't you feel the fear that I'm feelin' today?
 If the button is pushed there's no running away,
 There'll be no one to save with the world in a
 grave.
 Take a look around you boy, it's bound to scare
 you boy,

Chorus + D Riff (2x)

My blood's so mad feels like coagulatin',
I'm sittin' here just contemplatin'
You can't twist the truth it knows no regulation,
And a handful of Senators don't pass legislation.
Marches alone can't bring integration,
When human respect is disintegratin'.
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'.

Chorus + D Riff (2x)

Think of all the hate there is in Red China,
Then take a look around to Selma, Alabama!
You may leave here for four days in space,
But when you return, it's the same old place.
The pounding drums, the pride and disgrace,
You can bury your dead, but don't leave a trace,
Hate your next door neighbor, but don't forget to
say grace.

Chorus:

 D [G A]
But you tell me, over and over and
D Bm
over again my friend,
 G A
Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of

D Riff D Riff
Destruction.
 G A
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"Eve of Destruction" is a protest song written by P. F. Sloan in 1965. Several artists have recorded it, but the best-known recording was by Barry McGuire. This recording was made between July 12 and July 15, 1965 and released by Dunhill Records. The accompanying musicians were top-tier LA session players: P. F. Sloan on guitar, Hal Blaine (of Phil Spector's "Wrecking Crew") on drums, and Larry Knechtel on bass. The vocal track was thrown on as a rough mix and was not intended to be the final version, but a copy of the recording "leaked" out to a DJ, who began playing it. The song was an instant hit and as a result the more polished vocal track that was at first envisioned was never recorded.

McGuire's single hit #1 on the US Billboard Hot 100 and #3 on the UK Singles Chart in September 1965.

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