

I've Got To Know

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C F C
Why do your warships ride on my waters?
D G
Why do your death bombs fall from my skies?
C F C
Why do you bum my farm and town down?
G C
I've got to know friend, I've got to know.

Chorus: I've got to know, yes, I've got to know.
Hungry lips ask me wherever I go,
Comrades and friends all falling around me,
I've got to know, yes, I've got to know.

What makes your boats haul death to my people?
Nitro blockbusters, big cannons and guns?
Why doesn't your ship bring food and some clothing?
I've got to know; I've sure got to know.

Why can't my two hands get a good pay job?
I can still plant and I can still sow.
Why did your law book chase me off of my good land?
I'd sure like to know, friend, I'd sure like to know.

Chorus

What good work did you do, I'd like to ask you.
To give you my money right out of my hands?
I built your big house to hide from my people
I've got to know, yes, I've got to know.

You keep me in jail and you look me in prison,
Your hospitals jammed, and your crazy house full,
What made your cops kill my trade union workers?
You have to talk plain 'cause I sure have to know.

Chorus