Vietnam Era Song Lyrics

LYRICS TO “EVE OF DESTRUCTION”  
*sung by Barry McGuire (1965)*

The eastern world it is exploding   
Violence flarin', bullets loadin'   
You're old enough to kill but not for votin'   
You don't believe in war but whats that gun you're totin'?   
And even the Jordan River has bodies floatin'

But you tell me   
Over and over and over again my friend   
Ah, you don't believe   
We're on the eve of destruction

Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say   
Can't you feel the fears I'm feelin' today?   
If the button is pushed, there's no runnin' 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

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Yeah my blood's so mad feels like coagulating   
I'm sitting here just contemplatin'   
I can't twist the truth it knows no regulation   
Handful of senators don't pass legislation   
And marches alone can't bring integration   
When human respect is disintegratin'   
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'

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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 of the 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

And tell me  
Over and over and over and over again my friend   
You don't believe   
We're on the eve of destruction   
Mmm, no, no, you don't believe   
We're on the eve of destruction

*Songwriter: P.F. Sloan*

LYRICS TO “FORTUNATE SONG”   
*sung by Credence Clearwater Revival (1967)*

Some folks are born, made to wave the flag   
Ooo, their red, white and blue A  
nd when the band plays "Hail to the Chief"   
Ooo, they point the cannon at you, Lord

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no senator's son, son   
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no

Some folks are born, silver spoon in hand   
Lord, don't they help themselves, y'all   
But when the taxman comes to the door   
Lord, the house looks like a rummage sale, yeah

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no millionaire's son, no, no

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no

Yeah, yeah

Some folks inherit star spangled eyes

Ooh, they send you down to war, Lord

And when you ask 'em, "How much should we give?"

Ooh, they only answer "More! More! More!", y'all

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no military son, son   
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, one   
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no, no, no   
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate son, no, no, no

*Songwriter: John Fogerty*

## LYRICS TO “OHIO” *by Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young(1970)*

Tin soldiers and Nixon coming,   
We're finally on our own.   
This summer I hear the drumming,   
Four dead in Ohio.

Gotta get down to it   
Soldiers are cutting us down   
Should have been done long ago.   
What if you knew her   
And found her dead on the ground   
How can you run when you know?

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*Songwriter: Neil Young*

LYRICS TO "IMAGINE"   
*sung by the Beatles (1971)*

Imagine there's no heaven   
It's easy if you try   
No hell below us   
Above us only sky   
Imagine all the people Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries   
It isn't hard to do   
Nothing to kill or die for   
And no religion too   
Imagine all the people   
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer   
But I'm not the only one   
I hope someday you'll join us   
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions   
I wonder if you can   
No need for greed or hunger   
A brotherhood of man   
Imagine all the people   
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer   
But I'm not the only one   
I hope someday you'll join us   
And the world will live as one

*Songwriter: John Lennon*