

EVE OF DESTRUCTION

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D **G** **A7** **D** **G** **A**
The Eastern world it is explodin', violence flarin' and bullets loadin',
D **G** **A**
You're old enough to kill, but not for votin',
D **G** **A**
You don't believe in war, but's what's that gun you're totin'?
D **G** **A**
And even the Jordan River has bodies floatin'
D **G** **A** **D** **Bm**
But you tell me, over and over and over again my friend,
G **A** **D** **G** **A**
Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.

D **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**
Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say? Can't you feel the fear that I'm feelin' today?
D **G** **A**
If the button is pushed there's no running away,
D **G** **A**
There'll be no one to save with the world in a grave.
D **G** **A**
Take a look around you boy, it's bound to scare you boy,
D **G** **A** **D** **Bm**
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My blood's so mad feels like coagulatin', I'm sittin' here just contemplatin'
D **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**
You can't twist the truth it knows no regulation, and a handful of Senators don't pass legislation.
D **G** **A7** **D** **G** **A7**
Marches alone can't bring integration, when human respect is disintegratin'.
D **G** **A**
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'.
D **G** **A** **D** **Bm**
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Think of all the hate there is in Red China, then take a look around to Selma, Alabama!
D **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**
You may leave here for four days in space, But when you return, it's the same old place.
D **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**
The pounding drums, the pride and disgrace, you can bury your dead, but don't leave a trace,
D **G** **A**
Hate your next door neighbor, but don't forget to say grace.
D **G** **A** **D** **Bm**
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