

**I Asked When**  
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Capo on 9th

**D** **A**  
Well I dreamed I went out a wanderin'™

**D** **A**  
I heard promises become fables forgotten

**D** **A**  
I saw bridges stretchin'™ out across the water

**D** **A**  
And towers pushing taller

**D** **A**  
I knew my reality was clearly defined

**D** **A**  
By the fences put up around my mind

**D** **A**  
I watched them thickening the walls over time

**D** **A**  
Taller than any borderline

**D** **A**  
I saw civilizations deemed insignificant

**D** **A**  
I saw people's™ history tattooed on their skin

**D** **A**  
I saw families taken from their land

**D** **A**  
Dynasty shattered and stolen

**D E** **A**  
And I asked when is the revolution

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And all the burdens centuries accrue  
They get passed to every generation's™ youth  
And all the allegories told in lewd truth

I watched them grow wild and spread like the flu

I saw the rise of an untamed industry  
I watched machines print a paper economy  
I saw my own self stand right in front of me  
And I didn't do a thing

I saw poisons pushed in the street  
Prescription pills mingling in the mezzanine  
With the whole wealth of doctors and pharmaceutical companies  
Still poor people were dying from disease

And I asked when is the revolution  
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And I broke down at the break of dawn  
And saw looming in the clouds above the Pentagon  
As real as the Holocaust, as strong as the Parthenon  
Visions of Sudan, Iraq, and Vietnam

And I stood silent upon a flooded levee  
And stared at the ruins of a merchant city  
And the president who came to dine with the noble  
He didn't do a thing

I saw three ships come sailing in  
Through the passage of the Caribbean  
I saw children coming home in coffins  
Millions marching on Washington

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