

Ive Got To Know
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Intro: Played throughout, during and between verses.

C

E-----
B-----
G-----0-0--2-0---0-----0-0--2-0---0-----0-0--2-0---
D----0-2-----2-----0-2-----2-----0-2-----
A--3-----3--3-----3-----
E-----3-

G7

E-----
B-----
G-----0-0-----
D----0-2-----3-2-0-----
A-3-----3-----
E-----

C

I ve got to know, yes, I ve got to know friend

G7

Hungry lips ask me wherever I go

C

Comrades and friends all falling around me

G7

C

I ve got to know, yes, I ve got to know

C

Why do your boats ride on my waters?

G7

Why do your death bombs fall from my skies?

C

Why do you burn my farm and my town down?

G7

C

I ve got to know, friend, I ve got to know

C

What makes your boats haul death to my people?

G7

Nitro blockbusters, big cannons and guns

C

Why doesn t your ship bring food and some clothing?

G7

C

I ve sure got to know, folk, I ve sure got to know

C

Why can t my two hands get a good pay job?

G7

C

I can still plow, plant, I can still sow

C

Why did your law-book chase me off my good land?

G7

C

I d sure like to know, friend, I ve sure got to know

C

What good work did you do, sir, I d like to ask you

G7

To give you my money right out of my hands?

C

I built your big house here, to hide from my people

G7

C

Why you crave to hide so, I d love to know

C

You keep me in jail and lock me in prison

G7

Your hospital s jammed and your crazy-house full

C

What made your cop kill my trade union worker?

G7

C

You hafta talk plain cause I sure have to know

C

Why can t I get work and cash my big paycheck?

G7

Why can t I buy things in your place and your store?

C

Why do you close my plant down, and starve all my buddies?

G7

C

I m asking you, sir, cause I ve sure got to know