

"Give Peace a Chance"/"Living Without Tomorrow"
Hot Chocolate Band

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Label as1

Apple

1812

Apple label "MFD. BY APPLE" on the sliced side.



Factories: Scranton



Factories: Los Angeles

Lyrics:

Do you know the song already? Is everyone talking about bagism, Timmy Leary, and Derek Taylor? Then you haven't been listening to the Hot Chocolate Band's version of the song. Tony Wilson and Errol Brown (who sings lead on that song and most of their records) rewrote the song entirely. Their new lyrics – reportedly approved by John Lennon – are the sort of words that provoke serious thought.

And here they are:

Give Peace a Chance again.

**First we gave you the
Plastic Ono Band,
now we give you
THE HOT CHOCOLATE BAND
with the reggae version
of our smash hit
'GIVE PEACE A CHANCE'
on Apple.**

What you say, sir?
All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance.
All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance.

Everybody talking 'bout
This war and that war,
Who's for and not for,
The last war, the next war,
And nuclear is not for,
And what for?
Them love war.
Childish, man.
Rubbish.

All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance.
All we are saying (say, man) is Give Peace a Chance.
(Peace, brother, peace.)

Everybody talking 'bout
Jewish and Arabish,
Irish and Catholish,
Militant and immigrant,
Dem all human, you say, sir?
Dem all man.
Childish.
Childish.

Peace, brother, peace.
All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance (What you say? Peace brother.)
All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance.

Everybody talking 'bout
Religious separation,
Racial segregation,
Repatriation,
Bring in the United Nation(s).
Direct conversation.
Rubbish, man.
Rubbish.
Peace, brother, peace.

All we are saying (all we are saying right now) is Give Peace a Chance. (Tell me again, sir. Tell me again.)
All we are saying (peace and love) is Give Peace a Chance. (Nice. Nice.)

Everybody talking about
Blackie and Whitey,
Hippie and yippie,
Hashish and Carabish,
Junkie and Funky.
You ever seen a funky junkie, son?
Childish. Childish.
Rubbish.

(All we are saying now) What you say, sir? What you say? (give peace a chance.) [etc.]

All we are saying (say it again) is Give Peace a Chance.

Nice. Nice. Peace, brother.

All we are saying is Give Peace a Chance.

Peace, brother, peace.

Dem all talk about

Contraception and conception.



Members of Hot Chocolate also wrote Mary Hopkin's A-side, "Think About Your Children" (Apple 1825), and they scored at least one hit in England every year from 1970 to 1984. Did their first record on Apple lead to huge success? Whether or not you believe in miracles, their biggest hit came in 1975 with "You Sexy Thing" (Big Tree BT-16047).