

## Anthem

by Leonard Cohen

The birds they sang at the break of day  
Start again I heard them say  
Don't dwell on what has passed away  
or what is yet to be.

Ah the wars they will be fought again  
The holy dove she will be caught again  
bought and sold and bought again  
the dove is never free.

Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in.

We asked for signs the signs were sent:  
the birth betrayed the marriage spent  
Yeah the widowhood of every government -  
signs for all to see.

I can't run no more with that lawless crowd  
while the killers in high places say their prayers out loud.  
But they've summoned, they've summoned up a thundercloud  
and they're going to hear from me.

Ring the bells that still can ring ...

You can add up the parts but you won't have the sum  
You can strike up the march, there is no drum  
Every heart, every heart to love will come  
but like a refugee.

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Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in.

