

## **Give a Man a Gun**

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Give a man a gun, give him a cause  
Tell him he's got to fight for his rights without pause  
Take him away from his regular day  
Rip up the rules, change the way  
Alter the words, scuttle the plan  
Turn the other guy into less than a man  
Bestow the power, unleash the beast  
Silence the angel, corrupt the feast

*We're angels and beasts  
We're both angels and beasts  
We're angels and beasts  
We're angels and beasts  
Never far from the surface  
Rumbles the beast*

Freud's discontent rages still  
Fires subterranean beyond will  
Old brain instincts we need every day  
But out of social control somebody will pay  
Never doubt the civil world that we see  
Is more fragile than we like to believe  
I know we can send people into space  
Here on earth peace can blow up in our face

*We're Angels and Beasts  
We're both Angels and Beasts  
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We're Angels and Beasts  
Never forget we're both Angels and Beasts*

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*An upbeat lament and a warning: the tragedy of Sarajevo, where educated, civilized people like ourselves broke all the normal rules of human decency, is not impossible to happen again. Change the circumstances enough, change the rules, change what is 'normal', loosen the social constraints of law and equality, and hell could again break out. It is not inevitable but, after all, we are all part angel and part beast. We must be vigilant to protect freedom, seek equal opportunities for all and deal quickly with social disaffection.*