

If this World Survives

[Pete Seeger gave me this song to complete.]

If this world survives and every other day I think it might
In good part it will be because of the great souls in our community.

There are a lot of them, I've seen them walk
In lonely thousands down a city street
Or stand vigils in the rain or turn the handles of a print machine.

Or empty their pockets as the plate comes by
Or gaze into the camera's eye
And to answer the question:
"Will the world survive?"

They've said, [Pete wrote into the lyrics] – "Sing with me:"

**"We will try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try.
We'll try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try. — We'll try."**

If this world survives and every other day I think it might.
In good part it'll be because we've taken time to clearly see:

Did we do enough? Were we kind?
Did we see reality? Were we blind?
Were we forceful enough? Did we come on too strong?
Should we've done things differently all along?
Did we help a friend or stranger through the day?
Or did we let our chances waste away?
And to answer the question:
"Will the World Survive?"

**We've said – "Sing with me:" "We will try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try –
We'll try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try. — We'll try."**

If this world survives and every other day I think it might,
In good part it'll be because we've gone and done what we know is right.

When it seems that savings the world
Is too hard even to attempt
We feel like giving up, but then we try again –
With a little help from our friends.

And we find when we do something right
Others come to help us in our fight,
And together we'll answer: "Will the world survive?"

**Saying – [all together now]: "We'll try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try.
We'll try – we'll try – we'll try – we'll try. — We'll try."**

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