POTTER’S WHEEL
Words and Music by Bill Danoff
sung by John Denver from Different Directions (1991)

Em D E

Em          D                  E
THE WORLD IS FAST BECOMING YOUNGER, THE NEWS IS ALL THEY’VE EVER KNOWN
Em
THEY’VE SEEN THE WARS, THE HURT, THE HUNGER
D                Em
HOW WILL THEY CHOOSE WHEN THEY ARE GROWN.

D                E
WHAT DO YOU TELL FOREVER’S CHILDREN WHEN ITS THEIR TURN TO HURT AND HEAL
Em D                Em
WHATEVER SPINS THE GRIM TORNADO CAN ALSO TURN A POTTER’S WHEEL

C#m          C#m                 E    C#m           E    B        E
TAKE A LITTLE CLAY PUT IT ON THE WHEEL GIVE A LITTLE HINT HOW GOD MUST FEEL,
C#m               E    C#m     E   C#m             E    B
GIVE A LITTLE TURN LISTEN TO IT SPIN MAKE IT IN THE SHAPE YOU WANT IT IN.

Em                          D            E
TELL WITH YOU LIFE THE BLOODY STORY TEACH TO THEY’RE DREAMS NOT BURNING STEEL
Em                          D            Em
IT’S NOT IN BOMBS WHERE LIES THE GLORY BUT IN WHAT’S SHATTERED ON THE FIELD
Em                          D            Em
THE POTTER’S WHEEL TAKES LOVE AND CARING SKILL AND PATIENCE FAST AND SLOW,

Em                          D            Em
THE WORKS IT MAKES ARE EASILY BROKEN ONCE THEY’VE SURVIVED THE POTTER’S THROW
C#m          C#m                 E    C#m           E    B        E
TAKE A LITTLE CLAY PUT IT ON THE WHEEL GIVE A LITTLE HINT HOW GOD MUST FEEL,
C#m               E    C#m     E   C#m             E    B
GIVE A LITTLE TURN LISTEN TO IT SPIN MAKE IT IN THE SHAPE YOU WANT IT IN.

Em                          D            E
SOME DAY SOME CHILDREN WILL BE DIGGING IN SOME LONG FORGOTTEN GROUND AND
Em                          D            Em
THEY’LL FIND OUR CIVILIZATION OR WHAT’S LEFT OF IT TO BE FOUND
Em                          D            Em
THEY’LL FIND THE WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION BUT BURIED DEEPER IN THE HOLE
Em                          D            Em
THEY’LL FIND A MESSAGE AND A PROMISE IN THE SAND, THE POTTER’S BOWL

C#m          C#m                 E    C#m           E    B        E
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C#m               E    C#m     E   C#m             E    B
GIVE A LITTLE TURN LISTEN TO IT SPIN MAKE IT IN THE SHAPE YOU WANT IT IN.

C#m          C#m                 E    C#m           E    B        E
EARTH AND FIRE AND WIND CONSPIRE WITH HUMAN HAND, AND LOVE, AND FIRE.
C#m          C#m                 E    C#m           E    B        E
TAKE A LITTLE CLAY PUT IT ON THE WHEEL GIVE A LITTLE HINT HOW GOD MUST FEEL,
C#m               E    C#m     E   C#m             E    B
GIVE A LITTLE TURN LISTEN TO IT SPIN MAKE IT IN THE SHAPE YOU WANT IT IN.

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