

## **“What’s Going On” Lyrics**

*Written by Al Cleveland, Renaldo Benson, and Marvin Gaye*

Mother, mother  
There’s too many of you crying  
Brother, brother, brother  
There’s far too many of you dying  
You know we’ve got to find a way  
To bring some lovin’ here today, Ya

Father, father  
We don’t need to escalate  
You see, war is not the answer  
For only love can conquer hate  
You know we’ve got to find a way  
To bring some lovin’ here today

Picket lines and picket signs  
Don’t punish me with brutality  
Talk to me, so you can see  
Oh, what’s going on  
What’s going on  
Yeah, what’s going on  
Ah, what’s going on

In the meantime  
Right on, baby  
Right on, brother  
Right on, babe

Mother, mother, everybody thinks  
we’re wrong  
Oh, but who are they to judge us  
Simply because our hair is long  
Oh, you know we’ve got to find a way  
To bring some understanding here  
today

Picket lines and picket signs  
Don’t punish me with brutality  
Talk to me  
So you can see  
What’s going on  
Yeah, what’s going on  
Tell me what’s going on  
I’ll tell you what’s going on  
Right on baby  
Right on baby