

# Unchain the children!

*To the tune of "Waltzing Matilda"*

*Lyrics by Sister Susan Connelly*

What a sorry saga recent history writes for us  
Chock full of lies and deception and spin.  
What has flowered with Howard,  
Is far beneath our dignity.  
How will we deal with the bind that we're in?

*Chorus:*

Unchain the children! Unchain the children!  
Why do we harm those who've done us no wrong?  
They've been used, and abused, and accused, despite their innocence;  
Unchain the children! They've waited too long.

What a load of rubbish passes now for policy,  
"National interest" is claimed as the cause;  
So we'll go down in hist'ry as those who locked up little kids  
Whose only crime was to knock on our door.

*Chorus:*

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Why do we harm those who've done us no wrong?  
They've been used, and abused, and accused, despite their innocence;  
Unchain the children! They've waited too long.

We're so sick of liars and irresponsibility,  
We're sick of those who say, "I didn't know."  
We want justice and truth and respect for human dignity,  
Start with the children – let all the kids go.

*Chorus:*

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