

I COULD HAVE SAID NO      Ellen B. Ochs   c 2008

- 1) Once in the night wind    under wild stars  
A question was whispered    in a battered old car.  
The leaves rustled lifetimes    in the balance that night,  
And I still believe    that my answer was right.

Chorus: I could have said no,    I could have said “No,  
Let the world turn without me,    Let the wind blow.”  
I could have said no;    It was so long ago,  
But still I remember    I didn’t say no.

- 2) Once there was moonlight,    and shadows on snow,  
A church full of people,    windows aglow,  
Organ and trumpets,    velvet and lace  
And a walk through forever    to that trembling place.
- 3) So many choices:    heartache sometimes,  
Children and chances,    homework and rhymes.  
I work for my living    with someone I know.  
I’d do it again!    I didn’t say no.