

# 'Question' Probes THE MUSIC BAG New Answers



The Moody Blues

By THE MISSION SINGERS

What happens when a question has two good answers? What happens, most of the time, is that some people line up in favor of one answer, the others side with the second answer, and the two groups spend their time throwing verbal firebombs at each other.

In Question, the Moody Blues have a beautiful song that is itself a question with two answers.

Question starts and ends with the pounding, unrelenting answer that young people are giving to the question: What is the best way to live? The answer is good, it's challenging, a positive demand that we face issues like "hate and death and war."

It's more than symbolic that the song begins with this hard beat and that it fades out with the same pointed, bellowing rhythm. The youth challenge should continue, even though the "truth is hard to swallow."

But we're all often unaware of the plight of a lot of other people who want to open the door that youth is knocking on, but who are afraid. These people give another answer for the same question of how to best live in this world — another answer because they've had different experiences.

We're not talking about the haters, the people who will never turn from their attempt to keep the truth behind locked doors. We're talking about people, like most parents, teachers, workers, who could sing the middle part of this song. These people want to change, but they're confused and hurt by the rough, calloused tactics of the angry rebellious youth.

In reality, these people are asking us if we know what we want. We talk about love, but they say to us, "All the love you've been giving has all been meant for you." They're wondering if we have any love left for them, or if we merely hate them and their way of life.

After all, they can point to an existence they were once proud of. They lived by their principles as they saw them, and though they see that change is now needed, they are afraid of the meaning some young people give to change: "It's more the way that you mean it when you tell me what will be."

A week after the construction workers in New York attacked anti-war demonstrators, many of the demonstrators visited and spoke informally with the "hard hats." Few can say if these visits were helpful, but the odds are that they were. For once, young people had some love left for people besides their own kind.

That's the whole point of Question: There are going to be two answers to every important question. Both answers can be good, though one can be better than the other. But the only

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## Question

Why do we never get an answer when we're knocking at the door? With a thousand, million questions about hate and death and war. And when we stop and look around us, there is nothing that we need

In a world of persecution that is burning in its greed. Why do we never get an answer when we're knocking at the door? Because the truth is hard to swallow, that's what the war of love is for.

It's not the way that you say it when you do those things to me. It's more the way you mean it when you tell me what will be. And when you stop and think about it, you won't believe it's true. That all the love you've been giving has all been meant for you.

Between the silence of the mountains and the crashing of the sea, There lies a land I once lived in, and she's waiting there for me. But in the gray of the morning my mind becomes confused Between the dead and the sleeping, and the moving of my shoes.

I'm looking for someone to change my life, I'm looking for a miracle in my life. And if you could see what it's done to me, to lose the love I knew, you'd safely lead me through The life that I once knew, the law that we grow old, The secrets of our soul.

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## Brotherhood Group Schedules Show

The Black Theater Workshop will perform at St. Charles Borromeo School this Sunday night, June 14, under the auspices of the parish Brotherhood Committee. The program, free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m.

The players will present "Black Family," "Nigger Tom" and other short scenes. In addition, there will be an audio-visual presentation of the growth of WEDGE, the Brown Square community organization.

## Newman Club Chooses Advisors

Auburn—The Newman Club at Auburn Community College has chosen faculty members Gerald Smith, John Empie and Diana Valdina as advisors for the coming academic year. Father Ronald Gaesser, assistant pastor of St. Mary's, will continue as chaplain.

The club closed its season June 7 with a cleanup party at the Owasco Lake YMCA camp that it uses for social activities.

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