

# ASK ME A QUESTION THAT HAS NO ANSWER

This work places echoes of the past in dialogue with the unknown future. The old Singer sewing machine references my grandmother, a Lebanese seamstress who worked in a sweatshop in New York. My feet on the treadle function as a sort of visual metronome. The rhythmic sounds are overlaid with recorded voices of people posing unanswerable questions. The sewing machine has taken on new relevance in our present domestic confinement, as have the suddenly more precarious lives of our elders.

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ask me a question that has no answer

**what?**

ask me a question that has no answer

**why?**

ask me a question that has no answer

um I don't know I think you can answer everything in some way

ask me a question that has no answer

ask you a question that has no answer? now you're playing with me

ask me a question that has no answer

you're going to have me thinking about this all night

ask me a question that has no answer

why did the wheels fall off?

ask me a question that has no answer

why is everything so terrible right now?

ask me a question that has no answer

I can't think of anything you're looking at me like there should be an answer and

ask me a question that has no answer

maybe there is but I don't know it

ask me a question that has no answer

what does unconditional mean?

ask me a question that has no answer

when will I die?

ask me a question that has no answer

where is my father?

ask me a question that has no answer

how did it come to this?

ask me a question that has no answer

you gotta give me a second that's a hard one

ask me a question that has no answer

ummmm how can I escape death?

ask me a question that has no answer

do an open ended question that you know can is forever you can't answer it

ask me a question that has no answer

what happens after death is a good one cause nobody fucking knows

ask me a question that has no answer

yeah basic but good

ask me a question that has no answer

what the fuck am I going to say?

ask me a question that has no answer

come on what's a question you think about a lot?

ask me a question that has no answer

why does my back hurt? can't fix it I swear to god

ask me a question that has no answer

why can't I get my shit together? why am I a fucking idiot?

ask me a question that has no answer

that's a good question that's a good fucking question

ask me a question that has no answer

don't put me on the spot that has no answer? give me a little bit of time

ask me a question that has no answer

yeah what's the meaning of life? what is love? why can't I find it?

ask me a question that has no answer

sure what is the objective truth of life?

ask me a question that has no answer

yeah what is the end of time?

ask me a question that has no answer

that's impossible there would be an answer my mind is blank I can't do that

