

Matter of life and death

Chorus

It's a matter of life and death
When armed conflict or other violence erupts
It's a matter of life and death
When the movement of ambulances is hampered
It's a matter of life and death
When violence and threats are used against the wounded and the sick
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Verse

Whatever the situation and however angry you may be
Keep in mind that there are things you must not do
Attacking medical facilities and personnel
Is not permitted even in wartime
Leave hospitals, pharmacies and dispensaries alone
And emergency vehicles too, whether civilian or military
You know the red cross emblem is all-important
Do nothing to impede the activities it stands for

Verse

Since every second gained can save a life
Making care more accessible has to be our new challenge
We're all concerned as no one is safe
From injury or illness in time of war
The injured and the sick should all be treated equally
In the face of suffering and distress, never discriminate

Verse

Choose to protect the lives of the injured
Choose to spare civilian victims
Wherever and whoever you are
There's always something you can do for the good of humanity
Do you realise that no one is safe?
Choose dignity, health and life!