Cobwebs

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Well it stumbles and it falls off of almost every tongue Give a listen and you'll hear It's workin like a landmine in almost every sentence It's an assault to my mind's ear

Yeah it might have started back with Jack Kerouac Probably more than likely it was Maynard G. Krebs It's the four letter word that used to mean 'as if' And the meaning's covered in cobwebs Cobwebs

Used to be a preposition then it was a conjunction Now it's used as an audible pause Oh I hate it when I hear it especially when I see it Gotta stamp it out there ought to be some laws

College boys valley girls mall rats grandmammas
Everybody's misusin that word
I heard it four times in one poor little sentence
It was the saddest sound I ever have heard
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I suppose you could blame it on my generation Chickens from the 60s finally comin into roost I've been sayin it myself for over thirty years now Just to give my cool quota just a little bitty kind of a boost

But when I hear it
I can't stand it
Especially coming out of the mouths of one of my own kids

It's been taught and, God,
What have we wrought?
Give a listen here, what do we dig?

I prefer ah or er You can rest assured If you're sayin what you mean then it don't mean a thing It's just an ugly little four letter word

Doesn't anybody care or am I the only one?

Am I just stuck back in some kind of a past?

Maybe it's harmless but it feels like a virus

And it sounds like it's catchin on fast

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