I have know this preacherman

For a long time, he was a good man

I have known this judge

For a long time, he was a good man

I have known this teacher

For a long time, he was a good man too

But because of the drugs

They've been taking secretly

Them are in loony houses today

We cannot stand aside and look
While the nation is going down the drain (2x)

Up with hope, down with dope (3x)

We cannot stand aside and look
While the nation is going down the drain.
We really, really cannot stand aside and look while the nation
is going down the drain
Oh Yo

I am telling you now
Cocaine, no good for you
Liquor, no good for you
You go sniffling them glue
No good for you
They give it to you and say it's the sense of knowledge

But I known I've been around For a while

I cannot stand aside And look while the nation (2x) Is going down the drain Oh yo yo

Chorus till fade:
Up with hope, down with dope