

# No Time To Think

Bob Dylan

In death you face life with a child and a wife  
Who sleep-walks through your dreams into walls  
You're soldier of mercy, you're cold and you curse  
He who cannot be trusted must fall.

Loneliness, tenderness, high society, notoriety  
You fight for the throne and you travel alone  
Unknown as you slowly sink  
And there's no time to think.

In the Federal City you been blown and shown pity  
For secret, for pieces of change  
The empress attracts you but oppression distracts you  
And it makes you feel violent and strange.

Memory, ecstasy, tyranny, hypocrisy  
Betrayed by a kiss on a cool night of bliss  
In the valley of the missing link  
And you have no time to think.

Judges will haunt you, the country priestess will want you  
Her worst is better than best  
I've seen all these decoys through a set of deep turquoise eyes  
And I feel so depressed.

China doll, alcohol, duality, mortality  
Mercury rules you and destiny fools you  
Like the plague, with a dangerous wink  
And there's no time to think.

Your conscience betrayed you when some tyrant waylaid you  
Where the lion lies down with the lamb  
I'd have paid off the traitor and killed him much later  
But that's just the way that I am.

Paradise, sacrifice, mortality, reality  
But the magician is quicker and his game  
Is much thicker than blood and blacker than ink  
And there's no time to think.

Anger and jealousy's all that he sells us  
He's content when you're under his thumb  
Madmen oppose him, but your kindness throws him  
To survive it you play deaf and dumb.  
Equality, liberty, humility, simplicity  
You glance through the mirror and there's eyes staring clear  
At the back of you head as you drink  
And there's no time to think.

Warlords of sorrow and queens of tomorrow  
Will offer their heads for a prayer  
You can't find no salvation, you have no expectations  
Anytime, anyplace, anywhere.

Mercury, gravity, nobility, humility  
You know you can't keep her and the water gets deeper  
That is leading your onto the brink

But there's no time to think.

You've murdered your vanity, buried your sanity  
For pleasure you must now resist  
Lovers obey you but they cannot sway you  
They're not even sure you exist.

Socialism, hypnotism, patriotism, materialism  
Fools making laws for the breaking of jaws  
And the sound of the keys as they clink  
But there's no time to think.

The bridge that you travel on goes to the Babylon  
With the rose in her hair  
Starlight in the East you're finally released  
You're stranded but with nothing to share.

Loyalty, unity, epitome, rigidity  
You turn around for one real last glimpse of Camille  
'Neath the moon shining bloody and pink  
And there's no time to think.

Bullets can harm you and death can disarm you  
But no, you will not be deceived  
Stripped of all virtue as you crawl through the dirt  
You can give but you cannot receive.

No time to choose when the truth must die  
No time to lose or say goodbye  
No time to prepare for the victim that's there  
No time to suffer or blink  
And no time to think.