

Dialogue (Part I)

Chicago

Terry

Are you optimistic
'bout the way things are going?

Peter

No, I nver ever think of it at all

Terry

Don't you ever worry
When you see what's going down?

Peter

No, I try to mind my business,
that is, no business at all

Terry

When it's time to function
as a feeling human being, will your
Bachelor of Arts help you get by?

Peter

I hope to study further,
a few more years or so. I also hope
to keep a steady high

Terry

Will you try to change
things, use the power that you have,
the power of a million new ideas?

Peter

What is this power you
speak of and this need for things to
change? I always thought
that everything was fine

Terry

Don't you feel repression just
closing in around?

Peter

No, the campus here is very, very free

Terry

Does it make you angry
the way war is dragging on?

Peter

Well, I hope the President
knows what he's into, I don't know

Terry

Don't you ever see the starvation
in the city where you live, all the
needless hunger all the
needless pain?

Peter

I haven't been there lately,
the country is so fine, but my
neighbors don't seem hungry 'cause
they haven't got the time

Terry

Thank you for the talk,
you know you really eased my mind
I was troubled by the shapes
of things to come.

Peter

Well, if you had my
outlook your feelings would be

numb, you'd always think
that everything was fine