

More Whitewashing

Chumbawamba

Children in school forced to the desk
Finger the atlas and study the text
Lies and opinion presented as fact
Taught to accept and never to ask

Those smiling workers in Ladybird books
They're not picking coffee at all
They're busy with bricks and mortar
Building the company wall

Flickering pictures hypnotize
We spend our lives watching others' lives
Too much watching to realize
That this is a smokescreen
And this is why people die

Those smiling news presenters
They're not reading cue cards at all
They're busy with brush and bucket
Whitewashing the company wall

Set yourself up and play it again
Force the tears and entertain
Sing about a world of make believe
Force this charity and leave

Rich people who claim to know
What's wrong with this world
Can't know anything at all
They're busy giving the orders
For us to build their second homes

Flickering pictures hypnotize
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And we who take the orders
And refuse to question it all
We're busy with spade and Bible
Burying the poor, burying the poor

Mass manufactured and given away
Blinkers to get you through your day
So you'll never ever know to what extent you're involved
Easily fooled, all your problems solved

You'll say starvation has nothing to do with you
You saw it in print, so it must be true
And the documentary explained it all
It's a simple matter of birth control

And if you send a little money, you can sleep tonight
Or starve in sympathy on a Limmits Diet
And you know that charity cures malnutrition
And hunger put the sparkle back in television

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