

# Terrarium

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It's another world we live in here, so radical and clean  
Every Saturday we protest things out on the campus green  
And we came from far to find this place, where hearts and minds are free  
And we walk together on the grass, in peaceful anarchy

Where the things we've amassed, are undeniably surpassed  
By the value of our goals, and how high we came reach  
So when no one can pass, Professor Leon Siegal's class  
It's okay, because we still absorb the great things he can teach

We send our greetings from the terrarium,  
That earthly college paradise where kids can work and play  
But you know that when we leave from this terrarium  
We're told that we are going to save the world some day

It's another world we live in 'midst the placid greenery  
We can talk about disaster and admire the scenery  
Where we cannot find an answer to our Nicaraguan war  
We can order out for pizza and deliberate some more

But while nothing much gets done, and what we do just looks like fun  
You must remember what we do is more important than it sounds  
So when a case is well done in Constitution 101  
We know that bigger trials are possible to win on bigger grounds

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There's a fear that you will sell your dreams for stocks and cut your hair  
As you throw your graduation cap up in the real world air  
Then you see a man in uniform approaching your best friend  
As he shakes the woman's hand he says, we need a few good men

And it really breaks your heart to know she majored in Greek art  
And now your pacifistic friend asks for his card just like a queen  
Yeah, but then you watch her smile and start  
To shred that little card apart  
And the small white pieces flutter down like doves upon the green

We still get greetings from the terrarium  
That earthly college paradise that we all loved and ran  
And you know that now that we're gone from the terrarium  
We may not save the world but you know that we'll do the best we can