

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 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