

# If I Could Be Anywhere

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Sliding on the shimmering surface between two worlds  
Standing at the center of time as it uncurls  
Cutting through the veil of illusion  
Moving beyond past conclusions  
Rendering all doubt and confusion clear

If I could be anywhere  
If I could be anywhere  
If I could be anywhere right now  
I would want to be here

Searching for the future among the things we're throwing away  
Swimming through the ocean of junk we produce every day  
You have to admit it's clever  
Maybe the pinnacle of human endeavor  
When things are made to throw away but never made to disappear

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If I could be anywhere in time  
I would want to be here

The Romans, the Spanish, the British, the Dutch  
American exceptionalism - so out of touch  
Successions of empire repeating its course  
Extracting the wealth and ruling by force  
On and on through time

But the world can't take it very much longer  
And we won't make it 'less we're smarter and stronger  
The world's going to shake itself free of our greed somehow

If I could be anywhere  
If I could be anywhere in time  
If I could be anywhere and change things  
It would have to be now

They say nothing lasts forever  
But all the plastic ever made is still here  
And no amount of closing our eyes will make it disappear

And the world can't take it very much longer  
And we won't make it 'less we're smarter and stronger  
The world's going to shake itself free of our greed somehow  
And the world can't take it, that you can see  
If the oceans don't make it neither will we  
The world's going to shake itself all the way free somehow

If I could be anywhere  
If I could be anywhere in time  
If I could be anywhere and change the outcome  
It would have to be now