

## Jaws Of Life

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Questions in the eyes of the precious few  
It's like they want to say man what's happened to you  
I've got aches and pains where I didn't used to  
And I kind of hope they've got 'em too  
They're too polite to be direct  
Too uptight to really connect  
Scared to see our own reflection  
Caught in the jaws of life

(chorus)

Caught in the jaws of life  
Found myself chewed up like everyone else  
It Made no difference what I thought  
And who I was I still got caught  
In the jaws of life

I walked in and I looked around  
You never saw such a burned out crowd  
Somebody said Boy don't be thinking out loud  
Because you know some of us were so proud  
Just like you we had our days  
You'd be surprised how fast they slipped away  
We started out so young and bold  
Now we're just a few more mortal souls  
In the jaws of life

Since those days it's been so long  
Done some good and I done some wrong  
Done some things I can tell you son  
That If I'd known better I'd never have done  
Still I search for something I can't see  
They don't have what I need at the A&P  
Better send John Wayne with the cavalry  
Hope he gets here in time to rescue me  
From the jaws of life