

# Nostalgia For An Age That Never Existed

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Fake 50's clothes  
Fake 50's food  
Classic gas-guzzling dream cars  
In more ads on the tube

Fake home-made cookies  
Like Mommy used to make  
Nostalgia for an age  
That never existed

Do you remember  
Art-deco knick-knacks and flings  
The stars on the silver screen  
Made you forget Hooverville

View the world  
Through Time Life and Nick-at-Nite  
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All the stars had a pretty face  
Children and negroes knew their place  
Blocks of happy families  
With Moms and Dads all in love  
Or are these wholesome memories  
Really from reruns on TV

Fake sixties  
Mask our leaders sleaze  
Is it really a new beginning  
With Confederate Kennedys?

Fake Camelot  
Before everything went wrong  
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Do you remember  
The Summer of Love  
Vietnam, mini-skirts and drugs  
Rebellion was so much fun

Tell your own kids  
To say no to that  
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Turn that MTV racket off  
So your folks can listen to "classic" rock  
Mellow out to the same old songs  
Again and again and again

Do you wonder or even care  
How you wound up such a square  
If you can't stand "The Big Chill"  
Get out of the freezer

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Everything old is new again  
It all comes back, just wait your turn  
But somehow the magics always missing

Giving up on future dreams  
To dwell on rosy memories  
Will make sure your best days  
Are in the past

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Do you remember  
Being the first punk in your town  
Outlaw #1  
For the t-shirt you had on

Now you stay at home  
Mad at the whole scene  
For refusing to freeze  
In 1983

Why can't all the bands reform  
Stick to playing their old songs  
It ain't punk  
If it ain't just like the old days

That was then, this is now  
Suckling up to the sacred cow  
Can leave you stuck in the mud  
With it's remains

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