

# Let Them Run Your Lives

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Hello girls and boys  
As you sit in your carpeted bedrooms  
With your stereos on and on  
Playin' with those hundred dollar toys  
Built to occupy your minds  
So you don't notice your future's are gone  
And as you race on through the streets tonight  
Lookin' for some lonely lover to hold you tight  
You think that the world is alright  
Well you're out of touch, you're out of time  
You're gonna crack, your fragile regulated minds  
As you're headin' on to no kind of conclusion

Go on, let 'em run your lives  
Watch 'em as they cut your throat  
With they're parental carving knife  
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Or just to old to fight

They've taken the energy away from you  
They haven't taught you enough to deal  
With the ordeal you must be goin' through  
Yeah but look at this now  
They've left you the schools  
They've left you the government  
But they're all fallin' down  
Don't forget to make the past due payments  
And in this world of uncertainties  
You can be certain that  
You must kiss the ass of the authoritites  
And kiss you will if you want to survive  
You don't have to look too hard to see  
That there just ain't no free rides  
Hell it takes a real man to survive

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Well Jay Dee is locked in his soul some kinda hotel  
Well he's burnin inside he shakes shakes shakes  
All through the night  
And little Ruda Juda is passed out on the floor  
She's just so damn stupid won't somebody  
Take away her gun and show her the door  
Show her the door, show her that door's open  
And me I'm so misunderstood, but I'm still alive  
And my eyes are open wide to the fact  
That the world just will lie  
And it'll kick you right in the face

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Hey are you too young to see  
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Do we have to fight the rest of our lives