## **These Crazy Times**

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All the stores are closing early half the factories shut down people are sleeping in the allies cause we could only bail a couple out talking heads on the tv try to tell us what to do how do you separate the truth from the fake cause man I ain't got a clue

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I close my eyes and remember the ones we lost last spring rising profits mix with goodness like that oil in the sea

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I remember when but forget how long it's been since we all lived in peace but you can't just sit and grieve the growing gap between what we know and believe

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Well I'm running out of new words to say And the sky's been a grayish blue for days And the slowly growing sympathy Waits for me on every face. I'm trying to figure out what clever is I look for clues in awkward silences. And I don't know what happened But I've been this way ever since.

And the truth that keeps me up at night Is somehow hard to recognize And the world is keeping both my eyes closed. Yeah everybody knows.

There are elephants in every room I see, They softly hum beneath the words we speak. We've sugarcoating everything And now it's rotting out my teeth.

And the truth that keeps me up at night Is the hardest thing to recognize. And the world is telling my eyes What to see. And everybody knows but me.

To live you have to know what to ignore Decisions set the good and bad at war Your life is what you've chosen, but Living is the back and forth.

And the truth that keeps me up at night Is the hardest thing to recognize. And the world is pulling my eyes closed, closed. And time's not what she used to be She's turned into an enemy. And all that was in front of me is behind. God knows how I try.