

# Is This the Life We Really Want?

Roger Waters

"As a example you're CNN. I mean it's story, after story, after story is bad . I won. I won. And the other thing, chaos. There's zero chaos. We are running - this is a fine-tuned machine..."

The goose has gotten fat  
On caviar and fancy bars  
And subprime bones  
And broken homes  
Is this the life, the holy grail?  
It's not enough that we succeed  
We still need others to fail

Fear, fear drives the mills of modern man  
Fear keeps us all in line  
Fear of all those foreigners  
Fear of all their crimes  
Is this the life we really want?  
It surely must be so  
For this is a democracy and what we all say goes

And every time a student is run over by a tank  
And every time a pirate's dog is forced to walk the plank  
Every time a Russian bride is advertised for sale  
And every time a journalist is left to rot in jail  
Every time a young girl's life is casually spent  
And every time a nincompoop becomes the president  
Every time somebody dies reaching for their keys  
And every time that Greenland falls in the fucking sea it's because

All of us, the blacks and whites  
Chicanos, Asians - every type of ethnic group  
Even folks from Guadalup, the old, the young  
Toothless hags, supermodels, actors, fags, bleeding hearts  
Football stars, men in bars, washer women, tailors, tarts  
Grannies, grandpas, uncles, aunts  
Friends, relations, homeless tramps  
Clerics, truckers, cleaning ladies, ants  
Maybe not ants  
Why not ants?  
Well, because it's true  
The ants don't have enough IQ to differentiate between  
The pain that other people feel  
And well, for instance, cutting leaves  
Or crawling across window sills  
In search of open treacle tins  
So like the ants, are we just dumb?  
Is that why we don't feel or see  
Or are we all just numbed out on reality TV?

So every time  
The curtain falls  
Every time the curtain falls on some forgotten life  
It is because we all stood by silent and indifferent  
It's normal!