They tell you not to worry, they say they're terribly sorry But that's the way it has to be, for the likes of you and me Just be good and know your station
Always look on the bright side
Keep you faith and keep your patience
Your reward is after you've died

R:

So don't be told, don't be consoled Things are so bad, you can never make do And there's always someone better off than you

They tell you that's your future, it's all down to human nature Simply settle for what you got, that's destiny and that's your lot

All of us cannot come first, yes what you have is second best But it might be a good deal worse
Third world peasants get even less

R:

SO

Do you care that it's not fair?
Is this the way we have to live?
I know I care, and I want an equal share
Even if it mean I have to give

The people who are on top
Say that you should keep your chin up and
They are keen to show you, the unhappy ones below you
But I want to more of that stuff, that's looking at it upside down
And the world has got money enough for us to make it go around

Don't be told, don't be consoled Don't be ruled and don't be fooled Because things are so bad you can never make do And there's always someone better off than you