

World Freak Show

The Levellers

In the past fools would pay
to see the freaks of the day
contradictions of the norm
the bizarre, the wonderful and deformed
no need for the tents
and the cages now
the world comes to my eyes
in front of my TV circus
a freak show in disguise

circles and roundabouts
how much did you know
going round and coming back
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swings and revolutions
how much did you know
going round an coming back
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Another tree is coming down
another harponed whale is drowned
another child's belly needs feeding
on land of the fast food chain is bleeding
and we bought our new green wool
and pulled it over our eyes
as the circus goes on
all around
a freak show in disguise

PERISTROIKA/REFORM/GLASNOST
HARDCORE SELL/OVERHEAD COST
NEWS AT TEN/THE HOUSE/BIG BEN
HALF TRUTHS/NOW AND THEN
POL POT/BORDER/MASSACRE/SLAUGHTER
RAINFORESTS/THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER
IRRADIATE/EVACUATE/USE/ABUSE/MANIPULATE
THE PEOPLE'S WILL/THEIR BELLIES FULL
MULTINATIONALLS/KILL/KILL/KILL
DEAD DICTATOR/SNIPERS RETREAT
PEOPLE CLAIM THE POWER SEAT
WALL COMES DOWN/PEOPLE STAND UP
CROSS THE BORDER/CUSTOMS SHUT
FORKLIFT/AIRLIFT/FOREIGN AID
POCKEDS LINED/ARMY BLOCKADE
EVOLUTION/PROGRESS/REGRESS
POWER/POSSESSION/ENERGY HARNESS
ECONOMY/MARKET HIGH OR LOW HOW
MUCH DID YOU KNOW

IN THE WORLD FREAK SHOW