

Empire of the Senseless

The Mekons

no one's making any noise now, sshhh,
we've been waiting for so long,
they took away our films and tapes and notebooks
but it's ok 'cos we've self-censored this song.
but these lines are all individuals
and there's no such thing as a song
and even the silent are now guilty in the empire of the senseless...
what's your line of questioning sir?
i can't interrupt (intercept) a one word sentence,
invent a war in secrecy
sliding scenery like a vintage toy,
isn't plastic surgery wonderful?
satellite secret national security,
empire of the senseless
turning journalists into heroes takes some doing,
empire of the senseless
boring ollie north down in the subway dealing drugs and guns,
empire of the senseless
turning little liars into heroes, it's what they've always done
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empire of the senseless
this song promotes homosexuality
it's in a pretended family relationship with the others on this
record
and on the charts and on the jukebox
and on (in) the radio and in the radio
no one's making any noise now, sshhh,
stay quiet,
all unacceptable gropings have been removed from the screen,
only eyes full of unspeakable thoughts remain,
and even the silent are now guilty in the empire of the senseless...
baked beans, sugar, and margarine
bread, jam, groceries, and lard,
for the unsentimental,
the men who like the lady hard,
the men who like the hard lady.
"and you know that people are really rather afraid,
afraid of being swamped"
afraid of being swamped by selfishness and greed.