

# It Once Was My Life

Van Morrison

There were people on the sidewalks  
Strolling down the avenues  
They were sitting outside in cafes  
We were looking for the muse  
Well I was locked in by the system  
Where no freedom is the rule  
Now I spend all my time just trying  
To make it understood

It once was my life, that's what everybody said  
All the things I used to do and the people that were friends  
I've got to make it mean something at the end of the day  
It once was my life, they can't take that away

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Sometimes it looks like I'm on a ship of fools

It once was my life, when my message was just the street  
Then it became something else, and now it's incomplete  
I'm just trying to get back to when  
Can somebody please shed some light  
It used to be my life, it used to be uptight

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I'm back here on the boards, I can hear the engines roar  
Everybody's got to pay, some people got to pay more  
Well you can tell the people anything  
Spoon feed them anything you like  
It used to be so simple, it used to be my life

Now everything is so complicated, just to speak or use the phone  
Some people try to use me, just 'cause they don't have their own  
Don't know who's round the corner, trying to sell me some more tripe  
It used to be my life, it used to be my life.