

# The Great Deception

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1. Did you ever hear a-bout The Great De-ception?  
Well, the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run.  
Have you ever been down to Love City?  
Where they rip you off with a smile, and it don't take a gun.
2. Don't it hurt so bad in Love city?  
Don't it make you not want to bother at all?  
And don't they look so self righteous,  
When they pin you up a-against the wall?
- R1: Did you ever, ever see the people,  
With the tear drops in their eyes?  
I just can't stand it, stand it no how,  
Living in this world of lies.
3. Did you ever hear a-bout the Rock and Roll singers?  
Got three or four Cadil-lacs.  
Saying power to the people, dance to the music;  
Wants you to pat him on the back.
4. Have you ever heard a-bout the great Rembrandt?  
Have you ever heard a-bout how he could paint?  
And he didn't have e-nough money for his brushes;  
And they thought it was rather quaint.
- R2: But you know it's no use re-peating,  
And you know it's no use to think about it.  
'Cos when you stop to think a-bout it; you don't need it.
5. Have you ever heard a-bout the great, Hollywood motion picture actor,  
Who knew more than they did?  
And the newspapers didn't cover the story;  
Just decided to keep it hid.
6. Somebody started saying it was an inside job;  
Whatever happened to him?  
Last time they saw him, down on the bow'ry;  
With his lip hanging off an old rusty bottle of gin.
7. Have you ever heard a-bout the so-called Hippies?  
Down on the far side of the tracks.  
They take the eyeballs straight out of your head,  
Say son, kid, do you want your eyeballs back?
- R3: Did you ever, ever see...
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