Somewhere high in the desert near a curtain of a blue St. Anne's skirts are billowing
But down here in the city of the lime lights
The fans of santa ana are withering
And you can't deny that living is easy
If you never look behind the scenery
It's showtime for dry climes
And bedlam is dreaming of rain

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This is not a test
Of the emergency broadcast system
Where malibu fires and radio towers
Conspire to dance again
And I cannot believe the media Mecca
They're only trying to peddle reality,
Catch it on prime time, story at nine
The whole world is going insane

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A placard reads
"the end of days"
Jacaranda boughs are bending in the haze

More a question than a curse How could hell be any worse?

The flames are stunning The cameras running So take warning

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