Who holds the money, who holds the need Who holds the strings of misery or the purse of greed And the gunmen reap while the gangsters sow And law is cheap when the smugglers go

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Then I have no life to give
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In sun-kissed rooms in city slums
Minds are restless till the airmail comes
From the forest floor to the western mind
Like a chat show topic on a party line
And the hardest love of all is to forgive
As the world comes tumbling down

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Let all the rain come down on blind desire
Like a thundercloud that holds a prairie fire
I hear the blame and I see the cause
A stronger voice and a stronger law
But buyers buy and sellers sell
Public consumption of a private hell

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