

# Heard It All Before

Citizen Fish

I had writer's block I was put in the dock  
By critics of lyrics said it had to stop  
The time to whine had gone tick-tock  
Too much too long and over the top

Too much too soon? Too little too late?  
It was 'the same old tunes' and they 'started to grate'  
Mere speech balloons this was never a debate  
Why you still looking for the sell-by-date?

I'm feeling the cost of thinking  
It's all been said before  
Something got lost  
You knew it already  
Or just got bored  
With all this social observation

Too much too soon? Too little too late?  
Any old excuse to disengage  
'Don't get so mad' - 'We get tired of hearing it' -  
Have you seen where this picture fits?

Into the frame of parenthood  
Sometime when it was understood  
That parents knew 'nothing' and couldn't 'relate'  
Now I'm hearing the same from people my age

And into the frame of teachers and school  
Who always knew more but kept to the rules  
Teaching the same as they'd been taught before  
Never updating, no inner thoughts

And into the frame of governments  
Who demonise our common sense  
Distort our real experience  
Democracy bows to its own pretention  
Its in your reflection

Attention span at closing time?  
Don't talk politics! Make it rhyme!  
And catch the feet to dance a yard  
But politics makes us think too hard!

The way we follow or lead or decide  
To co-operate or just stand aside  
The way we say 'What you doing today?'  
Or couldn't give a shit how we work and play  
Is politics  
What we each decide  
Is politics  
To be true or lies  
Is politics  
It's time to decide  
Whether how we live (how we live) is our own free will (own free will)  
Are we running our lives? Or are we standing still?