

# Cooperate

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This dude took pride in his cause everyday  
Put on his costume which defined who he was  
He said he didn't care he liked being unique  
Accused the rest of the world of being a bunch of sheep  
Lived his life going against the grain  
Spent all of his time with those who felt the same  
Hit his mid-twenties and still nothing's changed  
Except his boys who chose to grow with age  
Now he's looking for friends with the same behavior  
He hangs out on campus with a bunch of teenagers  
He's punk rock he's hip-hop he's everything the system's not  
And he likes it that way he likes being on the defense  
He likes having something to fight against  
He likes calling himself a revolutionist  
I'm sorry but you have an identity crisis

(chorus)

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And on the weekends when it's appropriate  
You can make believe for a minute  
Stir up some controversy and have fun  
But hang-up your angst when play time is done

Ignore the truth and neglect your responsibility  
Because you can't decipher the real world from your hobbies  
This whole starving artist shtick you've been running with is wearing thin  
Put it to an end and grow old gracefully  
Time for you to start cooperating cuz rent ain't free  
And neither is your family's needs  
What you want and should expect are two different things  
You think the rest of the world likes their suits and ties working nine to five just to get by?  
Maybe, I mean if they've figured out what it truly means to make this life count  
But that don't sit well with you're anti-authority  
Me against the world sub-genre category that you've placed yourself in  
Do you honestly think the average man celebrates the system  
But they cooperate