

These Crazy Times

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All the stores are closing early
half the factories shut down
people are sleeping in the allies
cause we could only bail a couple out
talking heads on the tv
try to tell us what to do
how do you separate the truth from the fake
cause man I ain't got a clue

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I close my eyes and remember
the ones we lost last spring
rising profits mix with goodness
like that oil in the sea

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I remember when
but forget how long it's been
since we all lived in peace
but you can't just sit and grieve
the growing gap between
what we know and believe

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Well I'm running out of new words to say
And the sky's been a grayish blue for days
And the slowly growing sympathy
Waits for me on every face.

I'm trying to figure out what clever is
I look for clues in awkward silences.
And I don't know what happened
But I've been this way ever since.

And the truth that keeps me up at night
Is somehow hard to recognize
And the world is keeping both my eyes closed.
Yeah everybody knows.

There are elephants in every room I see,
They softly hum beneath the words we speak.
We've sugarcoating everything
And now it's rotting out my teeth.

And the truth that keeps me up at night
Is the hardest thing to recognize.
And the world is telling my eyes
What to see.
And everybody knows but me.

To live you have to know what to ignore
Decisions set the good and bad at war
Your life is what you've chosen, but
Living is the back and forth.

And the truth that keeps me up at night
Is the hardest thing to recognize.
And the world is pulling my eyes closed, closed.
And time's not what she used to be
She's turned into an enemy.
And all that was in front of me is behind.
God knows how I try.