

## Fear Itself

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Everybody's scared everybody's nervous everybody feelin' uptight  
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Nobody knows when the hammer's comin' down  
Might be today tomorrow or tonight  
Everybody's talkin' 'bout 1929  
80 long years ago

In the 70s we waited for gas on a line  
Man that seems like next to nothin' now you know  
Bought myself a house over in the valley  
Thought I had a money makin' machine  
Can't sell the place now I'm in a dark alley  
Livin' the American dream

You know that job I always said that I hated  
Well, yesterday they gave me the sack  
Lovin' your work is so damn overrated  
I sure wish to God I had that job back  
Check out the illegals standin' on the corner  
Watchin' all the cars go by

Lord they used to look bored but now they're lookin' hungry  
You can see the desperation in their eyes

I guess you're glad you got yourself a college education  
That oughta come in handy one day  
Why I just read about a guy robbed a fillin' station  
On account of college loans he had to pay (back)

It's pretty bad here but it's really bad there  
And in Iceland there's a riot goin' on  
In L.A. they're shuttin' down the DMV on Friday  
Now the weekend feels a little too long

You got depression and recession  
Inflation and deflation  
Lord it messin' with my heart and soul and brains  
I'm sick of all the stimulation I need a long vacation  
I'll take along a book by Maynard Keynes

Grandma used to tell us how she lived through the depression  
And the best way out is always right through  
But she was mean and crazy just a nasty old lady  
Stay in bed that's what I'm gonna do