Living with the Big Lie

Marillion

It all began with the bright light The bright light and the noise The chaos of the senses And the scream of desire

Touchin' and bein' touched A million lose ends to tie up Tickin' of the clock And the cradle rock

The colors stand still
And then they move around
Comin' in and out of focus
Upside down

Empty winter trees How space feels Love of the soft Flowers and the sky

One fine day
The chaos subsides
Bleeds into awareness
And a lifetime of surprise

The beauty of your mother's eyes
The pain when you fall
You drink it in and marvel at it all
But you never really figure it out
You get used to it

The babble of the family And the dumb TV Roar of the traffic And the thunder of jets

Chemicals in the water Drugs in the food The heat of the kitchen And the beat of the system

The attitude of authority And the laws and the rules Hit me square in the face First morning at school

The heroes and the zeros
The first love of my life
When to kiss and to kick
And to keep your head down
When they're choosin' the sides

I was never any good at it
I was terrified most of the time
I never got over it
I got used to it

Alone in the city
At seventeen
With the hollow, the lonely
The drowning and the drowned

I was made to feel worthless, the wretched and the mean Beat me up like a weapon
I can't run away from or find a way 'round Holdin' on, holdin' on

The greed and the missiles Exploding somewhere every day Hideous dark secrets under the sea And in holes in the ground

The cold war's gone
But those bastards'll find us another one
They're here to protect you, don't you know?
So get used to it, get used to it

Oh, the clash of religions And the loaded prayers Information the face of starvation And the state of the nation

The sense that it's useless
And the fear to try
Not believin' the leaders, the media that feeds us
Livin' with the big lie

You get used to it
Hey, you get used to it
It's okay, it's okay, you get used to it