

What a Time to Be Alive

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If I haven't before understood that time is relative
Well I understand it now
Understand that less profound and now is all that exist
We no longer recognize one another need different masks
No longer feel threatened by a couple faces even if it's black
And yes, I remember a time before this
Before Covid 19 and living 24/7
I remember complacency shrouded enormously
And ignorance to bliss one six
I was black before
And not it appears that everyone sees me
Before, prayers had me on my knees
We're all seeing the darkness
We been seen through, [?] to chalk outlines
Seemingly born laying down
But I've always stood and love transparency
Always been the magic in black
Always the knight that bring the stars
Always the breath in life's slums
Living life while I'm alive
Now look at where we are
We're alive just tryna live
Tryna do it more time and give it one more chance
Born into fear and dying by the hands of someone on their phone or in
their privilege
'Cause I walk the rain, stood
I took a stand
And If I haven't understood before that these lessons hold with them
gifts
As hard as it is to comprehend hate
And maybe hard to understand this, but we must give
Give ourselves a break
Give to your life
Give to you and yours
Love is something they can't take
Being in love is transparency
We can't take this pain with us
All we have is love
And it ain't one or other cheek
Meek ain't never met weak
What a time to be in love
For beyond this life and certainly beyond time, love
Love is what will save us from it all
And it's love that will deliver us to ourselves
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