

# The Real World

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You danced and partied at the Mardi Gras  
Threw back all the beads at the parade  
Fake worlds and logos in the shopping mall where you came from  
Everything seemed the same the whole world now

So you headed down south, left your old home town  
Relocated so far away from the real world  
But where is the real world?

Get out of the bar and follow the stars  
Now you've relocated so far away from the real world  
But where is the real world?

Ambitious eyes set firmly on the future  
So keen to leave your old home town  
But you're a lost soul looking for the great illusion in another state  
You had to escape, you know you just couldn't wait  
You thought the real world let you down

So you headed down south, left another home town  
Now you don't have the time to think  
Who's left behind in the real world

Watching game shows all day was no kind of deal  
It all seemed oh so surreal had to break from the real world  
But where is the real world?

One day you'll wake up and you will feel  
I am alive, this is real

Your friends came down to visit from all over  
To see first hand the brand new start you made  
But you were overqualified for the tips you earn in a bar  
It won't work here and it didn't work there but you tried it anyway

So head off in the car and follow the stars  
There's someone waiting not far away in the real world

Hope you get there this time but just bear in mind  
There's a lot of lost souls looking out for a sign for the real world  
But where is the real world?

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I am alive, this is real