It was midnight, midnight at noon Everyone talked in rhyme Everyone saw the big clock ticking Nobody knew, nobody knew the time

Elegant debutantes smiled Everyone fought for dimes Newspapers screamed for blood It was the best of times

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Everybody wants to look the other way
When something wicked this way comes

Sometimes they tie a thief to the tree Sometimes I stare Sometimes it's me

Everyone told the truth
All that we heard were lies
A pope claimed that he'd been wrong in the past
This was a big surprise

Everyone fell in love A cardinal's wife was jailed The government saved a dying planet When popular icons failed

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