

The Great Deception

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F#m E D

1. Did you ever hear a-bout The Great De-ception?

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F#m

Well, the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run.

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Have you ever been down to Love City?

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A

Where they rip you off with a smile, and it don't take a gun.

2. Don't it hurt so bad in Love city?

Don't it make you not want to bother at all?

And don't they look so self righteous,

When they pin you up a-gainst the wall?

E D

R1: Did you ever, ever see the people,

C#m D

With the tear drops in their eyes?

E D

I just can't stand it, stand it no how,

C#m A D

Living in this world of lies.

3. Did you ever hear a-bout the Rock and Roll singers?

Got three or four Cadil-lacs.

Saying power to the people, dance to the music;

Wants you to pat him on the back.

4. Have you ever heard a-bout the great Rembrandt?

Have you ever heard a-bout how he could paint?

And he didn't have e-nough money for his brushes;

And they thought it was rather quaint.

E D

R2: But you know it's no use re-peating,

C#m D

And you know it's no use to think about it.

E D A D

'Cos when you stop to think a-bout it; you don't need it.

5. Have you ever heard a-bout the great, Hollywood motion picture actor,

Who knew more than they did?

And the newspapers didn't cover the story;

Just decided to keep it hid.

6. Somebody started saying it was an inside job;

Whatever happened to him?

Last time they saw him, down on the bow'ry;

With his lip hanging off an old rusty bottle of gin.

7. Have you ever heard a-bout the so-called Hippies?

Down on the far side of the tracks.

They take the eyeballs straight out of your head,

Say son, kid, do you want your eyeballs back?

R3: Did you ever, ever see...

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