

See Yourself

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Can you crawl out of the darkness of that dungeon where you're hangin
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Can you dismantle the cross you've had to bear
Can you prize the lid right open on all that fancy footwork
and set fire to the shoes you've had to wear
Just because the mud's there doesn't mean you have to wallow
Doesn't mean you have to be hollow in the head
And just because your mouth's full doesn't mean you have to swallow
Doesn't mean you have to believe what you just said

You should see yourself Baby you lack vision
You should see yourself get a pair of eyes
You should see yourself go to your optician
You should see yourself through that framework of lies
See yourself See yourself

Can you find that little dictator that's living in your basement
Can you stage a coup to take that idiot out
Can you organise your senses as if they were an army
and march them off to off that little lout
Just because you're English doesn't mean you have to be narrow
Doesn't mean you have to be shallow and uptight
Just because you're pale it doesn't mean you have to be callow
Doesn't mean you have to believe you're always right

You should see yourself baby you lack vision
You should see yourself through the eyes of the world
You should see yourself and your clockwork ambition
you should see yourself Or would you rather go blind
See yourself See yourself

Can you take this little megaphone and push it in your eardrum
Can you try to listen very carefully
Can you stare up at that wall chart and look at those red letters
Can you try to read them through from A to Z
Just because it's funny doesn't mean you have to be foolish
Doesn't mean you have to wish you ruled this world
And just because it's sunny
doesn't mean you have to blot the sun out
Doesn't mean your lips always have to curl

You should see yourself Everybody else can
You should see yourself it's not a pretty sight
You should see yourself through those crocodile tear glands
You should see yourself Or would you rather go blind
See yourself See yourself