

# The Truth (Album Version)

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I was arrested for disturbing the peace  
But, hey, I was disturbing the war  
I was waving a small white handkerchief  
Singing "please don't fight no more"  
And I thought there'd be an army each side  
But there were just two guys wearing very bad ties  
So I shouted until my throat went hoarse  
And they cut out my voicebox of course I was taken to court in a city of gold  
Where silence is a sure sign of guilt  
And you can't speak out in your own defense  
Or be heard over worlds being built  
And the trial was a farce as befitted a place  
Where comedy and tragedy share the same face  
The judge read the verdict, a curtain was raised  
An audience roared out its praise And I said  
"Where's the truth around here today?  
Where do fact and fiction separate?  
Who's the bug guy that we have to pay  
To find the truth around here today?" It all made the news but the story was wrong  
And the photo wasn't even of me  
And the great god I love, he intoned from above  
You shouldn't sniff at free publicity  
But it wasn't the voice I'd expected to hear  
it was thin and unclear like Richard Gere  
And somebody said "God's had a bad fall  
That's his manager taking his calls" And I said  
"Where's the truth around here today?  
Where do fact and fiction go their separate ways?  
I thought we were much too clever to pray  
But where's the truth to find the truth?" I was put in a cell for the whole afterlife  
But my mind was just as free as can be  
Somebody said, "just your body's enchained"  
And you can guess how that encouraged me  
So I wandered and roamed for the rest of my days  
I was clearing my name, I was apportioning days  
And then I woke up, it was all a dream, all was well  
But when I woke up, I woke up in my cell And I said  
"Where's the truth around here today?  
Where do fact and fiction separate

No-one wants to be the one to say  
Where's the truth around here today?"I was arrested for disturbing the peace.

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