

# Parallel

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Sleeping on a time bomb, staring into space  
There's an ocean of unpleasantries we are not prepared to face  
Sitting on the fence post to watch the storm roll in  
And terrified of the damage it will bring when it begins, it will begin  
Splintered dreams of unity  
(Our lives are parallel)  
So far from reality  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Independent trajectories  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Separate terms of equality  
(Our lives are parallel) Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel  
Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel Is there no redemption, no common good?  
Is there nothing we can do for ourselves or only what we should?  
Comes the hard admission of what we don't provide  
Goes the insistence on the ways and means that so divide  
They so divide Side by side suffering loneliness  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Phony collective progress  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Accepting that it's all such a mess  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Gesturing without hope of redress  
(Our lives are parallel) Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel  
Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel Forging little plays of deception and pain  
As we watch our foundation crumble away  
Staggering like birds against a hurricane  
And trying all the while to stay out of each other's way Broken dreams of unity  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Independent trajectories  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Screaming out for understanding  
(Our lives are parallel)  
Turning inward and suffering  
(Our lives are parallel) Parallel, parallel, parallel, parallel, parallel,  
Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel  
Our lives are parallel, our lives are parallel

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