

Living with the Big Lie (1998 Remastered Version)

Marillion

It all began with the bright light
The bright light and the noise
The chaos of the senses and the scream of desire
Touching and being touched
A million loose ends to tie up
Ticking of the clock and the cradle rock
The colours stand still
And then they move around
Comin' in and out of focus upside down
Empty winter trees
How space feels
Love of the soft ... the flowers and the sky
One fine day
The chaos subsides
Bleeds into awareness
And a lifetime of surprise
The beauty of your mothers eyes
The pain when you fall
You drink it in and marvel at it all
But you never really figure it out
You get used to it
The babble of the family
And the dumb TV
Roar of the traffic and the thunder of jets
Chemicals in the water
Drugs in the food
The heat of the kitchen and the beat of the system
The attitude of authority
The laws and the rules
Hit me square in the face, first morning at school
The heroes and the zeroes
The first love of my life
When to kiss and to kick and to keep your head down
When they're choosing the sides
I was never any good at it
I was terrified most of the time
I never got over it
I got used to it
Alone in the city at seventeen
With the hollow and the lonely
The drowning and the drowned
I was made to feel worthless
The wretched and the mean
Beat me up like a weapon I can't run away from
or find a way round
Holdin' on, holdin' on
The greed and the missiles
Exploding somewhere every day
Hideous dark secrets under the sea and in holes in the ground
The cold war's gone
But those bastards'll find us another one
They're here to protect you, don't you know?
So get used to it
Get used to it!
The clash of religions
And the loaded prayers

Information

The face of starvation and the state of the nation
The sense that it's useless
And the fear to try
Not believing the leaders, the media that feed us
Living with the big lie
You get used to it
Get used to it!
It's okay, I got used to it

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