Decree

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Step up and forfeit Your frontal lobe To the sexed up strobe Of celebrity Never mind that The nanoseconds in between Are some of the darkest darkness You've ever seen Keep your eye on my finger And listen to the sound of my voice Get your subliminal decree And your false security Be all that you can be Be all that you can be In hospitals and schools Airports and banks and bars Big ones on street corners Little ones driving by in cars And glowing through countless Bedroom curtains at night That 20k tone And that pale blue light Saying, Daddy knows best Yes, this is the news In 90 second segments Officially produced And aired again And again and again By the little black and white pawns Of the network 'Yes' men While the stars are going out And the stripes are getting bent And cancer, the great teacher Has been opening schools Downstream from every factory Still, everywhere fools Are squinting into microscopes Researching cells Trying to figure out a way

We can all live in hell Well, step back, look up You'll see I'm dimming the sun But you won't, will you? No, that's a good little one 'Cuz Daddy knows best Yeah, this is the news In 90 second segments Officially produced And aired again And again and again By the little black and white pawns Of the network 'Yes' men While the stars are going out And the stripes are getting bent The stars are going out And the stripes are getting bent

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