This Side Of Paradise

Manfred Mann's Earth Band

I'm ridin' in the back seat, nine years old Starin' out the window countin' the highway poles And then I get to thinkin' that it don't seem real I'm flyin' through the universe in a '69 Oldsmobile I wanna know what they're not tellin' And I don't wanna hear no lies I just want something to believe in Ah, it's a lonely, lonely road I'm on this side of paradise I'm ridin' in the back seat, black Limousine Starin' out the window at a funeral scene And then I get to thinkin' and it don't seem right I'm sittin' here safe and sound And someone I love is gone tonight I wanna know what they're not tellin' And I don't wanna hear no lies I just want something to believe in

Ah, it's a lonely, lonely road We're on this side of paradise There ain't no crystal ball, there ain't no Santa Claus There ain't no fairy tales, there ain't no streets of gold There ain't no chosen few, ya it's just me and you That's all we got yeah, that's all we got to hold on to Yeah this side of paradise I remember bein' a little boy in the backseat, nine years old Always askin' questions, never did what I was told And then I get to thinkin' like I always do We wander 'round in the darkness but every now and then A little light shines through I want to know what they're not telling I don't wanna hear no lies I just want something to believe in Ah, it's a lonely, lonely road We're on this side of paradise, oh yeah This side of paradise, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

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