

# Lizard-skin Barbie

## Burnt By the Sun

Okay, we can stop now, time to this stop and go  
We can stop pretending to be sane on this cold worn sidewalk  
We look like fools today, much like yesterday  
Much like the times they proved us wrongWe said it couldn't happen, they made it happen  
History speaks louder than any other word  
Not bound and gagged by passivity or hesitance  
Dust bowls blow with our conjectureAnd I look around and see rust building up  
We can't move even if we try, move  
We can't move even if we try, move, agitateThe praise over the recent demonstrations in Seattle  
Are testament to the lack of of realism within the hearts  
And minds of many activists fighting for social justice around the world  
Though the demonstrations were successful in that they didPostpone the WTO conference and brought  
important issues  
To the front pages of virtually every major newspaper for a full week  
They offered only marginal success, as the WTO still convened  
And exists as it did long before the demonstrations sparkedDiscussion and then quickly faded with all the  
expectancy  
If any other news story, though progress is indeed a process  
We must remember that our steps towards justice are indeed only steps  
And are only noteworthy in that they will lead us to the next stepIn praising simple and limited achievements as  
great strides  
We ultimately put ourselves at risk of being discouraged  
To continue after learning that our greatest efforts  
Usually yield only marginal results

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