## **Toto Dies**

## **Nellie McKay**

And when the dawn breaks through the drums start

Beating the morning to the farm

Your grimace widens and your lips part

Sounding the silent alarmAnd when the bells explode they scatter

Hitching a hand unto the breeze

The grand bureaucracy grows fatter

Whistling the old melodiesOh-ee-oh goes the Buckingham jewel guard

Oh-ee-oh goes the cop on the beat

Oh-ee-oh goes the kid in the schoolyard

Oh-ee-oh goes the kid on the streetHey man what's happenin' with you?

I watched that episode too

Maybe I'll get some Chinese

I'll have the dumplings, no MSG pleaseAnd when the night breaks through they wonder

If all they lost was self respect

They pass the homes of greed and plunder

Still, ling'ring on, the disconnectOh-ee-oh sittin' down for the evening

Oh-ee-oh through the civil earthquake

Oh-ee-oh safe in bed and they're dreamin'

Heaven knows if they'll ever awake Yeah I'll have my coffee black

Hey look we're bombing Iraq

I guess that's the only way

Oh did I tell you we got Fifi spayed? And when they get to work they hear drums

The boom fills all the empty space

They file papers lada-da-dee-dum

Trimming their shoebox with laceOh-ee-oh but there's somethin' a growin'

Oh-ee-oh through the bustle and hiss

Oh-ee-oh fuck the lawns that need mowin'

Oh-ee-oh there is somethin' I miss

Oh-ee-oh, oh-ee-oh

Oh-ee-oh-ee-oh

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