

# The Undercover Man

## Van der Graaf Generator

Here at the glass, all the usual problems  
All the habitual farce  
You ask in uncertain voice, what you should do  
As if there were a choice but to carry on miming the song  
And hope that it all works out right  
Tonight it all seems so strange  
My spirit feels rigid, my body deranged  
Still that's only from one point of view  
And we can't have illusion between me and you  
My constant friend, ever close at hand, you and the undercover man  
I will reflect, "It's very strange to be going  
through this change  
With no idea of what it's all been about  
Except in the context of time"  
Oh, but I shirk it, I've half a mind not to work it all out  
Is this madness just the recurring wave of total emotion  
Or a hide for the undercover man  
Or a litany, all the signs are there of fervent devotion  
Or the cracking of the dam?  
It's cracked, smashed and bursting over you  
There was no reason to expect such disaster  
Now panicking, you burst for air, drowning, you know you care  
For nothing and no one but yourself  
And would deny  
Even this hand which stretches out towards you to help  
But would I leave you in this moment of your trial?  
Is it my fault that I'm here to see you crying?  
These phantom figures all around you should have told you  
You should have found out by now  
If you hadn't gone and tried to do it all by yourself  
Even now we are not lost, if you look out at the night  
You'll see the colors and the lights seem to say  
People are not far away, at least in distance  
And it's only our own dumb resistance that's making us stay  
When the madness comes  
Let it flood on down and over me sweetly  
Let it drown the parts of me, weak and blessed and damned  
Let it slake my life, let it take my soul and living completely  
Let it be who I am  
There may not be time for us all to run in tandem together  
The horizon calls with its parallel lines  
It may not be right for you to have and hold in one way forever  
And yet you still have time, you still have time  
[Incomprehensible]

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