

# Trade Winds

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HERE I STAND LOOKING, LOOKING AROUND ME WHILE ALL AROUND ME WHAT DO I SEE  
UNHAPPY FACES BEHIND A PAINTED SMILE HEARTACHE AND LONELINESS DRESSED UP IN  
MODERN STYLE  
UNHAPPY PEOPLE LIVING IN SIN AND SHAME REFLECTIONS OF MYSELF, LIFE IS NO EASY  
GAME  
AND WE'RE CAUGHT IN THE TRADE WINDS THE TRADE WINDS OF OUR TIME

HERE I STAND LOOKING, LOOKING AROUND ME WHILE ALL AROUND ME WHAT DO I SEE  
YOUNG GIRLS WHO'LL SOON BECOME STREETWALKERS IN THE NIGHT  
YOUNG BOYS, THE RESTLESS BREED LOOKING FOR A FIGHT  
CHILDREN BOTH RICH AND POOR THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH  
AND IF THEY DON'T FIND IT GOD HELP TOMORROW'S YOUTH  
WE'RE CAUGHT IN THE TRADE WINDS THE TRADE WINDS OF OUR TIME

TRADE WINDS ARE BLOWING, BLOWING AROUND ME WHILE ALL AROUND ME WHAT DO I SEE  
HATRED AND JEALOUSY BROTHERHOOD IS DYING  
LOVE IS THE ANSWER BUT NOBODY'S BUYING  
GOOD PEOPLE TURNING BAD SOME DON'T BUT THEY ARE FEW  
THE WINDS ARE BLOWING THE CHOICE IS ALL UP TO YOU  
WE'RE CAUGHT IN THE TRADE WINDS THE TRADE WINDS OF OUR TIME

YES WE'RE CAUGHT UP IN THE TRADE WINDS THE TRADE WINDS OF OUR TIME  
WE ARE RIDING ON THE TRADE WINDS THE TRADE WINDS OF OUR TIME

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