Testify

Nellie McKay

As we approach fair weather
As we entertain our maiden endeavor
'Round us still the chorus beats
The schools, the streets, there's always danger thereFor men will divest only to a certain point
For each divines their own experience
And to our own we must attestThey say authority's essential
They are insincere
They say discipline is fundamental
You will persevereAnd when you've lost your fear
Then that's when you mustTestify, raise your hands up to the sky
Clouds are comin' closer but don't you cry
Because you ain't got time just keep on strivin', testifyin'Testify, raise your hands up to the sky
Clouds are comin' closer but don't you cry
Because you ain't got time just keep on strivin', testifyin'As you pack the tools of past illusions
You have lost your nerve
Set them near you, lest they cause confusion
Keep some in reserveTo get what you deserve
You're gonna have toTestify, raise your hands up to the sky
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Because you ain't got time just keep on strivin', testifyin'Mama, you got me my corduroy jeans?
Do your own laundry if you want them clean
Mama, the workload they're puttin' me through
Like I don't knowMama, you got me history books?
Yeah and I thought me I'd take me a look
But doesn't matter what you do or say
Because it ain't my history anywayFeast or famine, you're cryin' at the disco
You have lost your way
The peace they were plannin' died in San Francisco
Floating on the bayJust close your eyes and pray
Then stand up straight andTestify, raise your hands up to the sky
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