

# Is This the Life We Really Want?

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So as an example you're CNN.  
I mean it's story, after story, after story is bad. I won. I won.  
And the other thing, chaos.  
There's zero chaos.  
We are running.  
This is a fine-tuned machine  
The goose has gotten fat  
On caviar and fancy bars  
And subprime homes  
And broken homes  
Is this the life, the holy grail?  
It's not enough that we succeed  
We still need others to fail  
Fear, fear drives the mills of modern man  
Fear keeps us all in line  
Fear of all those foreigners  
Fear of all their crimes  
Is this the life we really want? (Want, want, want, want)  
It surely must be so  
For this is a democracy and what we all say goes  
And every time a student is run over by a tank  
And every time a pirate's dog is forced to walk the plank  
Every time a Russian bride is advertised for sale  
And every time a journalist is left to rot in jail  
Every time a young girl's life is casually spent  
And every time a nincompoop becomes the president  
Every time somebody dies reaching for their keys  
And every time the Greenland falls in the fucking sea is because  
All of us, the blacks and whites  
Chicanos, Asians, every type of ethnic group  
Even folks from Guadeloupe, the old, the young  
Toothless hags, super models, actors, fags, bleeding hearts  
Football stars, men in bars, washerwomen, tailors, tarts  
Grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts  
Friends, relations, homeless tramps  
Clerics, truckers, cleaning ladies  
Ants - maybe not ants  
Why not ants?  
Well because its true

The ants don't have enough IQ to differentiate between  
The pain that other people feel  
And well, for instance, cutting leaves  
Or crawling across windowsills in search of open treacle tins  
So, like the ants, are we just dumb?  
Is that why we don't feel or see?  
Or are we all just numbed out on reality TV?  
So, every time the curtain falls  
Every time the curtain falls on some forgotten life  
It is because we all stood by, silent and indifferent  
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