## **Second Nature**

## Rush

A memo to a higher office
Open letter to the powers that be
To a God, a king, a head of state
A captain of industry
To the movers and the shakers
Can't everybody see?It ought to be second nature
I mean, the places where we live
Let's talk about this sensibly
We're not insensitive

I know progress has no patience

But something's got to giveI know you're different, you know I'm the same

We're both too busy to be taking the blame

I'd like some changes but you don't have the time

We can't go on thinking, it's a victimless crime

No one is blameless but we're all without shame

We fight the fire while we're feeding the flamesFolks have got to make choices

And choices got to have voices

Folks are basically decent

Conventional wisdom would say

But we read about the exceptions

In the papers every dayIt ought to be second nature

At least, that's what I feel

Now I lay me down in dreamland

I know perfect's not for real

I thought we might get closer

But I'm ready to make a dealToday is different, and tomorrow the same

It's hard to take the world, the way that it came

Too many rapids, keep us sweeping along

Too many captains, keep on steering us wrong

It's hard to take the heat, it's hard to lay blame

To fight the fire while we're feeding the flamesIt ought to be second nature

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