Disparity By Design

Rise Against

All the way at the bottom
Of the barrels we cry out
So ashamed of our tears
That we blame only ourselvesThat's when they win, they keep us convinced
To lift up our chins, these playing fields are level
We all have a chance with that they dismiss
The fast lanes, they row what it takes it dependsOn who you know or where you came from
Whose daughter are you? Whose fortunate son?
Will it so to stick up our bones and piece from the letters
How we settled the crimesIs this an over-reaching arm or is this compassion?
Is this a handout undeserved or a just reparation?Away from the towers
High above the ceiling tombs
Tell themselves that they've earned this
Like working hard or playing by the rulesBut this is only part true
A dangerous trick played on me and you
And so like a practical joke
We put on these bootstraps so high that they brokeIs this an over-reaching arm or is this compassion?
Is this a handout undeserved or a just reparation?And like a single domino
That falls while the rest stay vertical
Will you fear these empty fairy-tales
Or will you believe them?And if fear's a game you better pray
That this sleeping giant never wakesIf we just take a step back
A bigger picture we might view
Perhaps the man in the gutter
Is not so different from youCome in, all of the cold
Forget all that you know
Because there's always been room
By the fire for you, oh, come in, all of the coldWill you believe them?Is this an over-reaching arm or is this compassion?
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