Are You Out There

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Perhaps I am a miscreation
No one knows the truth, there is no future here
And you're the DJ, speaks to my insomnia
And laughs at all I had to fear
Laughs at all I had to fearYou always play the madmen poets
Vinyl vision grungy bands
You never know who's still awake
You never know who understands andAre you out there, can you hear this?
Jimmy Olson, Johnny Memphis
I was out here listening all the time
And though the static walls surround me
You were out there and you found me
I was out here listening all the timeLast night we drank in parking lots
And why do we drink? I guess we do it 'cause
And when I turned your station on
You sounded more familiar than that party was
You were more familiar than that partyIt's the first time I stayed up all night
It's getting light I hear the birds
I'm driving home on empty streets
I think I put my shirt on backwardsAre you out there, can you hear this?
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I was out here listening all the timeAnd what's the future, who will choose it?
Politics of love and music
Underdogs who turn the tables
Indie versus major labels
There's so much to see through
Like our parents do more drugs than we do, ohCorporate parents, corporate towns
I know every TV set that's got them lit
They preach that I should save the world
They pray that I won't do a better job of it
Pray that I won't do a better jobSo tonight I turned your station on
Just so I'd be understood
Instead another voice said, "I was just too late
And just no good"Calling Olson, calling Memphis
I am calling, can you hear this?
I was out here listening all the time

And I will write this down
And then I will not be alone again, yeah
I was out here listening
Oh yeah, I was out here listening
Oh yeah, I am out here listening all the time

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