

# Humankind (live)

## John Wesley Harding

I've read that it's official  
That our love has solidified in ritual  
And all our sweet nothings melted into vitriol  
We eat it up, we chew it round, we spit it out  
But I doubt that we've got a lot to shout about  
The time has come, the bell has rung and now it's seconds out  
I'm just a man but I try to be a human  
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Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
All this silence, it will only lead to violence  
Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
Watch out I've seen the big oaks falling  
And I've heard the dying voice of England calling  
No vote is worth a damn, we're stuck here in our heartland stalling  
Her nerve is twice as cold as the icebox in my fridge  
I'd write you letters but she took away my privilege  
I'll be there at the auction just to see how high she'll bid  
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Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
All this silence, well it might only lead to violence  
Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
Watch out They clipped my ticket but they took away the cinema  
Well now they just show films with things the way they think they are  
Some things may be black and white but not when there's a color bar  
You tell me not to throw it's only someone's policy  
I think you oughta know I'm sick of ideology yeah  
I'm gonna hide right now, will you clear up this mess for me?  
I'm just a man but I try to be human  
I'm just a man but I try to be human  
Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
All this silence, well it could only lead to violence  
Now the inmates are in charge of the asylum  
Watch out  
They're taking my humanity and they're trying to squeeze it out of me  
They're taking my humanity and they're trying to squeeze it out of me  
I'm just a man but I try to be a humane man

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