

# Oxygen

Willy Mason

I wanna be better than oxygen so you can breathe  
When you're drowning and weak in the knees  
I wanna speak louder than Ritalin for all the children  
Who think that they've got a disease  
I wanna be cooler than TV for all the kids that  
Are wondering what they are goin' to be  
We can be stronger than bombs if you're singin' along  
And you know that you really believe  
We can be richer than industry as long as we know  
That there's things that we don't really need  
We can speak louder than ignorance  
'Cause we speak in silence every time our eyes meet  
On and on and on it goes  
The world it just keeps spinning  
Until I'm dizzy, time to breathe  
So close my eyes and start again anew  
I wanna see through all the lies of society  
To the reality, happiness is at stake  
I wanna hold up my head with dignity  
Proud of a life where to give means more than to take  
I want to live beyond the modern mentality  
Where paper is all that you're really taught to create  
Do you remember the forgotten America  
Justice, equality, freedom to every race  
Just need to get past all the lies and hypocrisy  
Make-up and hair to the truth behind every face  
That look around to all the people you see  
How many of them are happy and free?  
I know it sounds like a dream but it's  
The only thing that can get me to sleep at night  
I know it's hard to believe but it's easy  
To see that something here isn't right  
I know the future looks dark but it's  
There that the kids of today must carry the light  
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So close my eyes and start again anew  
If I'm afraid to catch a dream, I weave your baskets  
And I'll float them down the river stream  
Each one I weave with words I speak  
To carry love to your relief  
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