## Synchronicity II (Live 1983)

## **The Police**

Another suburban family morning

Grandmother screaming at the wall

We have to shout above the din of our rice crispies

We can't hear anything at all Mother chants her litany of boredom and frustration

But we know all her suicides are fake

Daddy only stares into the distance

There's only so much more that he can take

Many miles away something crawls from the slime

At the bottom of a dark Scottish lakeAnother industrial ugly morning

The factory belches filth into the sky

He walks unhindered through the picket lines today,

He doesn't think to wonder whyThe secretaries pout and preen like cheap tarts in a red light street,

But all he ever thinks to do is watch,

And every single meeting with his so-called superior

Is a humiliating kick in the crotch

Many miles away something crawls to the surface

Of a dark Scottish lochAnother working day has ended

Only the rush hour hell to face

Packed like lemmings into shiny metal boxes

Contestants in a suicidal raceDaddy grips the wheel and stares alone into the distance

He knows that something somewhere has to break

He sees the family home now, looming in his headlights

The pain upstairs that makes his eyeballs ache

Many miles away there's a shadow on the door

Of a cottage on the shore

Of a dark Scottish lakeMany miles away

Many miles away

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