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 rode
Which access dependsOn who you know or where you came from
Whose daughter are you? Whose fortunate son?
Were told to stick out our thumbs
They feast from the linens while we settle for crumbsIs this an over-reaching arm or is this compassion?
Is this a handout undeserved or a just reparation?Away from the towers
High above glass ceiling tombs
Tell themselves that they've earned this
By working hard and playing by the rulesBut this is only part true
A dangerous trick played on me and you
And so like a practical joke
We pulled on these bootstraps so hard 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 there's a God 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, out of the cold
Forget all that you know
Because there's always been room
By the fire for you, oh, come in, out of the coldWill you believe them?Is this an over-reaching arm or is this compassion?
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