Ask Why

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There's a panic on the streets
A reputation on a line
A revolution every minute
Nothing's gonna keep time
Ask why
Ask why
The president's understudy
Fluffing his cues
He sure must have the self-deception blues
Ask why
Ask why
    Ask why
    No-one ever looks at you straight in the face
    Ask why
    You're never at home but you're so outta place
    Ask why
    Ask why
The record's gotten scratchy
And there's dust in every groove
And the needle keeps on jumping
Everytime we make a move
Ask why
Ask why
They think they've caught the killer
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And they kill him on first sight

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Another kid gets murdered
Later on that night
Ask why
Ask why
    Ask why
    The truth is always hiding between the lines
    Ask why
    We're living it up in kaleidoscope time
    Ask why
    Ask why
No-one trusts the enemy
Right in our midst
Don't know what you did now
You're on the hit list
   Ask why
    No-one even cared to look up at the sky
    Ask why
    The world's photogenic and you're camera shy
    Ask why
    The world was in debt the day it died
    Ask why
    Life is so short and you might as well try to
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