They're taking an old religion, fitting it with a different name

Now we're cutting our own incisions and inserting their hurting pain

It's another innocent victim shivering in the frigid cold They're making a dirty fortune selling something that's barely working

An inferior version of rock and roll
Or whatever else ever has touched your soul
Call it what you will — there's a billion of them they sold
They're taking credit that they're not earning
Any good thing they ever sold they stole

Oh yeah

They're making a television different than the old one was A limited deluxe edition, it's a superior version of Of the previous week's installment, but ain't it all the same? (Pretty much)

Yet I comfort myself at night with transmission by satellite It's like a good enough facsimile of real love I guess I got a habit same as everyone else does We're all banging down doors, trying to grab that stuff But we never should have left it up to the judge that passed the bill that illegalized us They illegalized us

Oh yeah

The inferior version, it isn't really rock and roll It's but a shallow imitation — it doesn't really get ya goin' And there ain't no good explanation why it's flying off the she lyes

It's a sorry situation — entire world's going to hell
But I in no way blame myself

Though I helped those bastards to sell that inferior version we love so well

An inferior version of rock and roll
An inferior version of rock and roll

They're making a dirty fortune off an inferior version of rock and roll

Whoa yeah