

# R.E.M., Final Straw

As I raise my head to broadcast my objection  
As your latest triumph draws the final straw  
Who died and lifted you up to perfection?  
And what silenced me is written into law.

I can't believe where circumstance has thrown me  
And I turn my head away  
If I look I'm not sure that I could face you.  
Not again. not today. not today.

If hatred makes a play on me tomorrow  
And forgiveness takes a back seat to revenge  
There's a hurt down deep that has not been corrected.  
There's a voice in me that says you will not win.

And if I ignore the voice inside,  
Raise a half glass to my home.  
But it's there that I am most afraid,  
And forgetting doesn't hold. it doesn't hold.

Now I don't believe and I never did  
That two wrongs make a right.  
If the world were filled with the likes of you  
Then I'm putting up a fight. I'm putting up a fight.  
Putting up a fight. make it right. make it right.

Now love cannot be called into question.  
Forgiveness is the only hope I hold.  
And love- love will be my strongest weapon.  
I do believe that I am not alone.

For this fear will not destroy me.  
And the tears that have been shed  
It's knowing now where I am weakest  
And the voice in my head. in my head.

Then I raise my voice up higher  
And I look you in the eye  
And I offer love with one condition.  
With conviction, tell me why.  
Tell me why.  
Tell me why.  
Look me in the eye.  
Tell me why.