

# Van Morrison, The Great Deception

(Van Morrison)

Did you ever hear about the great deception  
Well the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run  
Have you ever been down to love city  
Where they rip you off with a smile  
And it don't take a gun

Don't it hurt so bad in love city  
Don't it make you not want to bother at all  
And don't they look so self righteous  
When they pin you up against the wall

Did you ever, ever see the people  
With the tear drops in their eyes  
I just can't stand it, stand it no how  
Living in this world of lies

Did you ever hear about the rock and roll singers  
Got three or four Cadillacs  
Saying power to the people, dance to the music  
Wants you to pat him on the back

Have you ever heard about the great Rembrandt  
Have you ever heard about how he could paint  
And he didn't have enough money for his brushes  
And they thought it was rather quaint

But you know it's no use repeating  
And you know it's no use to think about it  
'Cause when you stop to think about it  
You don't need it

Have you ever heard about the great Hollywood motion picture actor  
Who knew more than they did  
And the newspapers didn't cover the story  
Just decided to keep it hid.

Somebody started saying it was an inside job  
Whatever happened to him?  
Last time they saw him down on the Bow'ry  
With his lip hanging off an old rusty bottle of gin

Have you ever heard about the so-called hippies  
Down on the far side of the tracks  
They take the eyeballs straight out of your head  
Say son, kid, do you want your eyeballs back

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With the tear drops in their eyes  
Just can't stand it no how  
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