

## 1000 Travels Of Jawaharlal "Party Of God"

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[ Billy Bragg and Natalie Merchant ]

In a busy street  
A man sits down  
Oblivious to the traffic sounds  
No chaos  
No frenzied shrieking crowd  
Thank God their silence  
Walking heads bent down  
Come when they saw us  
Called it lethargy  
The treadmill turns  
There down below their feet

Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly (quickly), quickly (quickly)  
Or cross the waves of an angry sea  
Risking (risking)  
And braving (braving)  
The shipwreck and the mutiny assailing  
Assailing

In a haunted doorway  
And from the light of day  
See another life fall to ruin in pain  
False smiles from even children it seems  
Landlocked ground for empty and lost dreams  
A league against me  
I hear him say  
It's not worth half the effort  
Or the price you pay

Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly (quickly), quickly (quickly)  
Or should I raise my face to the heavens above  
And tell God (dear God)  
Stop jeering (and jeering)  
As our human frailties and all  
Our failings  
Are we failing?

Pound pound on an endless street  
Again and again the nightmare scene  
All strained against the tightened rope  
Not one with a lasting lingering hope  
There's evidence everywhere you see  
Put a quarter down at the newsstand  
So that you can read

Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly (quickly), quickly (quickly)  
Or should I raise my face to the clouds above  
Entreating (entreating)  
Their mercy (some mercy)  
But as clouds will do  
They'll rain down  
First gently (gently) and sweetly (so sweetly)  
Until they silence me  
With a burst of thunder (thunder) and lightning (and  
lightning)  
And helpless landlocked screaming  
I know God must be agreeing  
It's the worst part of watching  
It's the worst part of watching  
It's the worst part of watching  
It's the worst part  
Landlocked in screaming  
God must be agreeing  
To be helpless is the worst  
Must be the worst part of watching  
The worst part of watching

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