Bob Dylan & The Band "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding) [Live]"

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Darkness at the break of noon
Shadows even the silver spoon
The handmade blade, the child's balloon
Eclipses both the sun and moon
To understand you know too soon
There is no sense in trying

Pointed threats, they bluff with scorn Suicide remarks are torn From the fools gold mouthpiece The hollow horn plays Wasted words proved to warn That he not busy being born is busy dying

Temptation's page flies out the door You follow, find yourself at war Watch waterfalls of pity roar Feel to moan but unlike before You discover that you'd just be One more person crying

So don't fear if you hear A foreign sound in your ear It's alright, Ma, I'm only sighing

Some warn victory, some downfall Private reasons great or small Can be seen in the eyes of those that call To make all that should be killed to crawl While others say don't hate nothing at all Except hatred

Disillusioned words are like a bullet's bark
As human gods aim for their mark
Make everything from toy guns that spark
To flesh-colored Christs that glow in the dark
Easy to see without looking too far
That not much is really sacred

While preachers preach of the evil fates Teachers teach that knowledge waits Can lead to the hundred-dollar plates Goodness hides behind its gates But even the President of the United States Sometimes must have to stand naked

Though the rules of the road have been lodged It's people's games, you got to dodge But it's alright, Ma, I can make it

Advertising signs that con You into thinking you're the one That can do what's never been done That can win what's never been won Meantime life outside goes on All around you

You loose yourself, you reappear You suddenly find you got nothing to fear Alone you stand with nobody near When a trembling distant voice, unclear Startles your sleeping ears to hear Someone thinks they really found you

A question in your nerves is lit
Yet you know there is no answer fit to satisfy
Insure you not to quit
To keep it in your mind and not forget
That it is not he or she or them or it
That you belong to

Although the masters make the rules For the wise men and the fools I got nothing, Ma to live up to

Old lady judges watch people in pairs Limited in sex, they dare To push fake morals, insult and stare Money doesn't talk, it swears Obscenity, who really cares Propaganda, all is phony

While them that defend what they cannot see
With a killer's pride, security
It blows the minds most bitterly
For them that think death's honesty
Won't fall upon them naturally
Life sometimes must get lonely

My eyes collide head-on with stuffed graveyards False Gods, I scuff At pettiness which plays so rough Walk upside-down inside handcuffs Kick my legs to crash it off Say alright, I've had enough What else can you show me?

And if my thought-dreams could be seen They'd probably put my head in a guillotine But it's alright, Ma, it's life and life only

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