

## **Burt Bacharach** **"Paper Mache"**

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Twenty houses in a row:  
Eighty people watch a TV show.  
Paper people, cardboard dreams,  
how unreal the whole world seems...

Can we be living in a world made of paper mache?  
Everything is clean and so neat.  
Anything that's wrong can be just swept away.  
Spray it with cologne, and the whole world smells  
sweet.

Ice cream cones and candy bars,  
swings, and things like bicycles and cars...  
There's a sale on happiness:  
You buy two, and it costs less.

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sweet.

Read the papers. Keep aware  
while you're lounging in your leather chair.  
And if things don't look so good,  
shake your head and knock on wood.

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sweet,

like paper mache.

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