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"Big A, Little A"

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The system might have got you but it won't get me

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External control are you gonna let them get you?
Do you wanna be a prisoner in the boundaries they set
you?
You say you want to be yourself, by christ do you think
they'll let you?
They're out to get you get you get you get you get you
get you get you

Hello, hello, hello, this is the Lord God, can you hear?
Hellfire and damnation's what I've got for you down
there
On earth I have ambassadors, archbishop, vicar, pope
We'll blind you with morality, you'd best abandon any
hope,
We're telling you you'd better pray cos you were born in
sin
Right from the start we'll build a cell and then we'll lock
you in
We sit in holy judgement condemning those that stray
We offer our forgiveness, but first we'll make you pay

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Hello, hello, hello, now here's a message from your
queen
As figurehead of the status quo I set the social scene
I'm most concerned about my people, I want to give
them peace
So I'm making sure they stay in line with my army and
police
My prisons and my mental homes have ever open

doors

For those amongst my subjects who dare to ask for
more
Unruliness and disrespect are things I can't allow
So I'll see the peasants grovel if they refuse to bow

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Introducing the Prime Sinister, she's a mother to us all
Like the dutch boy's finger in the dyke her arse is in the
wall

Holding back the future waiting for the seas to part
If Moses did it with is faith, she'll do it with an army
Who at times of threatened crisis are certain to be
there

Guarding national heritage no matter what or where
Palaces for kings and queens, mansions for the rich
Protection for the wealthy, defence of privilege
They've learnt the ropes In Ireland, engaged in civil war
Fighting for the ruling classes in their battle against the
poor

So Ireland's just an island? It's an island of the mind
Great Britain? Future? Bollocks, you'd better look
behind

Round every other corner stands P.C. 1984

Guardian of the future, he'll implement the law
He's there as a grim reminder that no matter what you
do

Big brothers system's always there with his beady eyes
on you

From God to local bobby, in home and street and
school

They've got your name and number while you've just
got their rule

We've got to look for methods to undermine those
powers

It's time to change the tables. The future must be ours

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Be exactly who you want to be, do what you want to do
I am he and she is she but you're the only you
No one else has got your eyes, can see the things you
see

It's up to you to change your life and my life's up to me
The problems that you suffer from are problems that
you make
The shit we have to climb through is the shit we choose
to take
If you don't like the life you live, change it now it's
yours
Nothing has effects if you don't recognise the cause
If the programme's not the one you want, get up, turn
off the set
It's only you that can decide what life you're gonna get
If you don't like religion you can be the antichrist
If your tired of politics you can be an anarchist
But no one ever changed the church by pulling down a
steeple
And you'll never change the system by bombing
number ten
Systems just aren't made of bricks they're mostly
made of people
You may send them into hiding, but they'll be back
again
If you don't like the rules they make, refuse to play
their game
If you don't want to be a number, don't give them your
name
If you don't want to be caught out, refuse to hear their
question
Silence is a virtue, use it for your own protection
They'll try to make you play their game, refuse to show
your face
If you don't want to be beaten down, refuse to join their
race
Be exactly who you want to be, do what you want to do
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