

## **Kansas**

# **"Mainstream"**

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Overkill, have you had your fill?  
Come to expect it off the wall  
Too short or too tall, system rejects it

I've lost the handle, what's it all been for?  
Tired of trying, seeing so much more

It's so predictable and everybody judges  
By the numbers that you're selling  
Just crank 'em out the assembly line  
And chart 'em higher  
(Higher, higher)

Yeah, just keep it simple, boys  
It's gonna be alright  
As long as you're inside the mainstream

Are we moving too far away?  
(Mainstream)  
Is it worth it if it doesn't pay?  
(Mainstream)  
The centerline is status quo

Gonna stay within the  
(Mainstream)  
If you stay within the tried and true  
(Mainstream)  
You'll remain among the chosen few  
(Mainstream)  
Survive another year

The market is dead  
Accounts in the red, media saturation  
We're deep in a rut  
The artery's is cut, sensory deprivation

Really loved it, didn't earn a cent  
No one's buying your experiment

It's so predictable and everybody judges  
By the numbers that you're selling  
Just crank 'em out the assembly line

And chart 'em higher  
(Higher, higher)

Oh just keep it simple, boys  
It's gonna be alright  
As long as you're inside the  
(Mainstream)

Are we moving too far away?  
(Mainstream)  
Is it worth it if it doesn't pay?  
(Mainstream)  
The centerline is status quo

Gonna stay inside the  
(Mainstream)  
For the masses in consumer land  
(Mainstream)  
Give 'em everything that they demand  
(Mainstream)  
Survive another year

Yeah corporate mold, packaged and sold  
16 to 30, jobbers and racks  
They're moving in stacks  
Tactics are dirty

We're in business, what else is it for?  
Profit motive, welcome to the war

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By the numbers that you're selling  
Just crank 'em out the assembly line  
And chart 'em higher  
(Higher, higher)

Just keep it simple, boys  
It's gonna be alright  
As long as you're inside the  
(Mainstream)

Are we moving too far away?  
(Mainstream)  
Is it worth it if it doesn't pay?  
(Mainstream)  
The centerline is status quo

Gonna stay inside the  
(Mainstream)  
Just be careful not to rearrange  
(Mainstream)

Don't let 'em catch you getting strange  
(Mainstream)  
Survive another year

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