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"Beautiful Fool"

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Martin Luther, who did you think that you were?
Appointed by some higher up
Merely mortal, your plans were unaffordable
No one wants to pay for love

Oh, you beautiful fool
Swimming upstream, kicking up waves
Dreams weren't meant to come true
That's why they call 'em dreams
Oh, you beautiful fool

Walter Cronkite preempted Disney one night
And all us kids were so upset
We thought that you were a trouble instigator
Marching through our TV set

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To fight a fight without a fist
All human instinct puzzles this
How dare you threaten our existence?

Mahatma Gandhi, Jesus Christ
History repeats itself so nice
Consistently we are resistant to love

Saw you on the black and white
With blacks and whites applauding you
Saw you on another time
Without a sign of life in you

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