## Kinks "Nobody Gives"

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I can't understand why everybody's quarreling Nobody gives in case they lose face Everybody's guilty and everybody's innocent And the fact of it is nobody gives any more It's the same throughout all history Nobody gives unless they receive And nobody trusts or is willing to believe And nobody gives or is willing to concede

In nineteen hundred and twenty-five
There were thousands of people struggling to survive
There was hunger, unemployment and poverty
Then in 1926 they decided to be free, so they all went
on strike and

The workers told the unions who blamed it on the government

The politicians blamed it on the strikers and the militants

And everybody's guilty and everybody's innocent But the fact of it is, nobody gives any more

Back in nineteen hundred and thirty-nine There were scores of German military waiting in a line And the fatherland wanted what the world wouldn't give

And then Hitler decided he could take what was his So they all went to war and said, "Kill all the left-wing intellectuals

Annihilate the Jews and wipe out their race Eliminate the weak because they're ineffectual" And the fact of it is, nobody gives any more

I'm only sitting here, watching it all go on
And listening to both sides
Yeah, why can't we talk it out, why can't we sort it out?
We'll work it out if we try
Why can't we sit down and work out a compromise?
Why not negotiate and try to be civilized?
I'll tell you why, because nobody gives a damn
Nobody listens and no one will understand

Yet I'm wondering, sitting here wondering

And listening to both sides
Why? Why can't we work it out, why can't we sort it out?
We'll work it out if we try
Why can't we sit down and work out a compromise?
Why not negotiate and try to be civilized?
I'll tell you why, because nobody gives a damn
Nobody listens and no one will understand

Yeah, I'm wondering, sitting here wondering Yeah, I'm wondering, sitting here wondering And listening to both sides And nobody gives, and nobody gives And nobody gives, and nobody gives

The workers told the unions who blamed it on the government

The politicians blamed it on the strikers and the militants

And everybody's guilty and everybody's innocent Nobody gives, 'cause nobody gives a damn any more The politicians, unions, workers and the militants The fact of it is nobody gives any more

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