

## **Manfred Mann**

# **"Chicago Institute"**

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Way back there an explosion of hope  
Hit out hard in a furnace of steel  
I thought life was a fire  
I thought life was a high time  
(I thought life was a fire)  
I thought life was a symbol  
(I thought life was for livin)  
I thought life was for livin  
(I thought life was a symbol)  
I thought life was a fire

There's an institute in Chicago  
With a room full of machines  
And they live this side of the sunrise  
And burn away your dreams  
Once you fly to Chicago - In Chicago you will die  
When that institute in Chicago has recorded you and I

There's an empty house in California  
But they'll always let you in  
And they'll make you feel oh so easy  
Like you never learned to sin  
Oh yeah that's how they made it how they made it  
seem so clean  
Yes that empty house in California is our brave new  
world's machine

At the institute in Chicago from the first day you were  
born  
Oh they just can't tell what your feelin'  
And they can't see how you're torn  
When your name's just a number - just a number you  
will die  
Cos that institute in Chicago never knew you were alive

Way back there a reflection of me  
Turned my head in a circle of time  
I thought life was for (livin)  
I thought life was a (high time)  
I thought life was a (fire)  
I thought life was a (symbol)

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