

Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66

"Are These Our Lives"

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Under the ruins of a paradise never to be known
Crushed beneath the feet of gods who
Reap what we have sown
As the industrial neo-fascists slash and burn through
flesh
Endorse the individual but sacrifice the rest
I want the truth to be told
That we are more than the sum of what we're sold
Social Darwinist manipulation
Multilateral agreement for the devastation
Of all but the hegemon while we as one
Are sacrificed on the alter
In the age of the refugee this era of death for profit
Ideals alone will minimize the fringe
Organization can enhance empowerment
Against forced abortions and sterilizations
Clitoridectomy aberrations
Oil addiction inculcation while alternatives face
negation
By those who anesthetize the mind
And invest in broken lives
Disorganize overpower exploit and stratify
The distorted promise of a free exchange haunts us
through
The debts we pay to the alliances which turn me
against
Those around me
And against myself
Generation after generation enduring apocalyptic
visions
In individual private hells with bodies weak
And minds distorted with nothing left to sell
While the masters of the new feudal age
Drink to satisfy an unquenchable thirst
Gulping our blood our sweat and spit back lies
Are these our lives?

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