

## Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66

### "Cycle Of Cruelty"

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Why do we accept violence in the name of tradition?  
Break out of this cycle of cruelty  
Deception and domination walk together hand in hand  
I won't take part anymore  
When the answer is right before our eyes  
How could we let ourselves become so fucking blind  
To the need for a commitment to compassion?  
We cut our own throats when we live without respect for  
life  
It's coming around...  
All our excuses are just conditioning  
Forced into our minds passed down long enough  
That we've turned away from all rationality  
The slaughter of the innocents goes unmentioned  
While murder is condemned everyday  
The screams of the tortured are ignored or accepted  
But never questioned  
Is this how we're to live in this world?  
Face the truth: man did not weave the web of life,  
He is merely a strand in it-  
Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself...  
A violent hand has assumed control to satisfy demand  
Providing us with what we're made to think we need to  
survive  
And while we thrive on ignorance... indifference... the  
blood flows  
We've got to make the choice to realize  
These lives mean so much more  
Break out of the cycle  
In the midst of chaos we have no explanation  
And exploitation with no consideration is our crime  
In the age of progress and unrestrained advancement  
We demand respect for those  
All those we refuse to leave behind

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