

## David Sylvian "World Citizen"

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What happened here?  
The butterfly has lost its wings  
The air's too thick to breathe  
And there's something in the drinking water.

The sun comes up  
The sun comes up and you're alone  
Your sense of purpose come undone  
The traffic tails back to the maze on 101

And the news from the sky  
Is looking better for today  
In every single way  
But not for you

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It's not safe  
All the yellow birds are sleeping  
Cos the air's not fit for breathing  
It's not safe

Why can't we be  
Without beginning, without end?  
Why can't we be?

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And if I stop  
And talk with you awhile  
I'm overwhelmed by the scale  
Of everything you feel  
The lonely inner state emergency

I want to feel  
Until my heart can take no more  
And there's nothing in this world I wouldn't give

I want to break  
The indifference of the days  
I want a conscience that will keep me wide awake

I won't be disappointed  
I won't be disappointed  
I won't be.

I saw a face  
It was a face I didn't know  
Her sadness told me everything about my own

Can't let it be  
When least expected there she is  
Gone the time and space that separates us

And I'm not safe  
I think I need a second skin  
No, I'm not safe

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I want to travel by night  
Across the steppes and over seas  
I want to understand the cost  
Of everything that's lost  
I want to pronounce all their names correctly

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I won't be disappointed  
I won't be.

She doesn't laugh  
We've gone from comedy to commerce  
And she doesn't feel the ground she walks upon

I turn away  
And I'm not sleeping well at night  
And while I know this isn't right  
What can you do?

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