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"Nothing Ever Happens"

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Post office clerks put up signs
Saying, 'Position Closed'
And secretaries turn off typewriters
And put on their coats

Janitors padlock the gates
For security guards to patrol
And bachelors phone up their friends for a drink
While the married ones turn on a chat show

And they'll all be lonely tonight
And lonely tomorrow

Gentlemen, time please
You know we can't serve anymore
Now the traffic lights change to 'Stop'
When there's nothing to go

And by five O'clock everything's dead
And every third car is a cab
And ignorant people sleep in their beds
Like the doped white mice in the college lab

And nothing ever happens
Nothing happens at all
The needle returns to the start of the song
And we all sing along like before
And we'll all be lonely tonight
And lonely tomorrow

Telephone exchanges click
While there's nobody there
The Martians could land in the car park
And no one would care

Close-circuit cameras in department stores
Shoot the same video every day
And the stars of these films neither die nor get killed
Just survive constant action replay

And nothing ever happens
Nothing happens at all

The needle returns to the start of the song
And we all sing along like before
And we'll all be lonely tonight
And lonely tomorrow

And bill hoardings advertise products
That nobody needs
While angry from Manchester
Writes to complain about all the repeats on T.V.

And computer terminals report some gains
On the values of copper and tin
While American businessmen snap up Van Goghs
For the price of a hospital wing

And nothing ever happens
Nothing happens at all
The needle returns to the start of the song
And we all sing along like before

And nothing ever happens
Nothing happens at all
They'll burn down the synagogues at six o'clock
And we'll all go along like before
And we'll all be lonely tonight
And lonely tomorrow

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