

## **Tom Robinson Band**

### **"We Didn't Know"**

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The country was in turmoil  
With new crises by the hour  
When one in three were out of work  
The Party swept to power;  
As life returned to normal  
Law and order won the day  
While all our rights and liberties  
Were voted clean away...

They were cynical and ruthless  
They'd manipulate the news  
And smear or persecute the few  
Who dared to leak the truth  
Opponents had their phone tapped  
And campaigners felt the heat  
With terror suspects accidentally  
Gunned down in the street

But the radio and papers said  
The same thing every day  
The government is wonderful  
The country's doing great  
And if someone else was suffering  
They'd got themselves to blame  
Don't say if you were in our shoes  
You wouldn't do the same  
And say

We didn't know what was going on...  
We didn't know what was going on...

From Tel Aviv to Capetown  
From Shanghai to East Berlin  
From Washington to Panama...  
The years have come and been  
From Delhi to Sri Lanka  
From Whitehall to Coleraine  
The times may be a-changing  
But the story's still the same

Cos the radio and papers say

The same thing every day  
The government is wonderful  
The country's doing great;  
And if someone else is suffering  
They've got themselves to blame  
Don't say now you are in our shoes  
That you won't do the same  
And say

We didn't know what was going on  
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