

Suicidal Tendencies

"Institutionalised"

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Sometimes I try to do things
And it just doesn't work out the way I want it to
And I get real frustrated

It's like, I try hard to do it
And I take my time
But it just doesn't work out the way I want it to

It's like I concentrate on it real hard
But it just doesn't work out
And everything I do and everything I try
It never turns out

It's like, I need time to figure these things out
There's always someone there going
"Hey Mike, you know we've been noticing
You've been having a lot of problems lately, you know"

"You should maybe get away
And like, maybe you should talk about it
You'd feel a lot better"

And I go, "No, it's okay you know, I'll figure it out
Just leave me alone, I'll figure it out, you know
I'm just working on myself"

They go, "Well, you know, if you wanna talk about it
I'll be here, you know
And you'll probably feel a lot better if ya talked about it
So why don't you talk about it?"

I go, "No, I don't want to, I'm okay, I'll figure it out
myself "
But they just keep buggin' me
They just keep buggin' me
And it builds up inside

So you're gonna be institutionalized
You'll come out brainwashed with bloodshot eyes
You won't have any say
They'll brainwash you until you see their way

I'm not crazy
(Institution)
You're the one who's crazy
(Institution)
You're driving me crazy
(Institution)

They stuck me in an institution
Said it was the only solution
To give me the needed professional help
Protect me from the enemy, myself

Uh, I was in my room
And I was just like staring at the wall thinking 'bout
everything
But then again I was thinking about nothing

And then my mom came in
And I didn't even know she was there
She called my name and I didn't hear her
Then she started screaming, "Mike, Mike"

And I go, "What? What's the matter?"
She goes, "What's the matter with you?"
I go, "There's nothin' wrong, mom"
She goes, "Don't tell me that, you're on drugs"

I go, "No mom, I'm not on drugs
I'm okay, I'm just thinking, you know
Why don't ya give me a Pepsi?"
She goes, "No, you're on drugs"

I go, "Mom, I'm okay, I'm just thinking"
She goes, "No, you're not thinking, you're on drugs
Normal people don't act in that way"

I go, "Mom, just give me a Pepsi, please
All I want is a Pepsi"
And she wouldn't give it to me

All I wanted was a Pepsi
Just one Pepsi
And she wouldn't give it to me
Just a Pepsi

Give you a white shirt with long sleeves
Tied around your back, you're treated like thieves
Drug you up because they're lazy
It's much work to help a crazy

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I was sitting in my room
My mom and my dad came in
They pulled up a chair and they sat down
They go, "Mike, we need to talk to you"
And I go, "Okay, what's the matter?"

They go, "Me and your mom
We've been noticing lately you've been having a lot of
problems
And you've been going off for no reason
And we're afraid you're gonna hurt somebody

We're afraid you're gonna hurt yourself
So we decided that it would be in your best interest
If we put you somewhere
Where you could get the help that you need"

And I go, "Wait, what are ya talking about?
We decided my best interest?
How do you know what my best interest is?
How could you say what my best interest is?
And what are ya trying to say? I'm crazy"

"When I went to your schools
I went to your churches
I went to your institutional learning facilities
So how can ya say I'm crazy?"

Say they're gonna fix my brain
Alleviate suffering and my pain
By the time they fix my head
Mentally I'll be dead

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Doesn't matter, I'll probably get hit by a car anyway

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