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## **Natalie Merchant** "Party Of God"

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In a busy street, a man sits down Oblivious to the traffic sounds No chaos, no frenzied shrieking crowd Thank God their silence, walking heads, bent down

Come when they saw us Called it lethargy The treadmill turns There down below their feet

Should I pray for an end to come Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly Or cross the waves of an angry sea Risking, risking and braving, braving The shipwreck and the mutiny assailing, assailing

In a haunted doorway and from the light of day See another life fall to ruin in pain False smiles from even children it seems Landlocked ground for empty and lost dreams

A league against me I hear him say It's not worth half the effort Or the price you pay

Should I pray for an end to come Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly Or should I raise my face to the Heavens above And tell God, dear God, stop jeering and jeering As our human frailties and all our failings, are we failing?

Pound, pound on an endless street Again and again the nightmare scene All strained against the tightened rope Not one with a lasting lingering hope

There's evidence Everywhere you see Put a guarter down at the newsstand So that you can read

Should I pray for an end to come Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly Or should I raise my face to the clouds above Entreating, entreating Their mercy, some mercy

But as clouds will do, they'll rain down First gently, gently and sweetly, so sweetly Until they silence me With a burst of thunder, thunder and lightning and lightning And helpless landlocked screaming I know god must be agreeing

It's the worst part of watching It's the worst part of watching It's the worst part of watching It's the worst part

Landlocked in screaming God must be agreeing To be helpless is the worst Must be the worst part of watching The worst part of watching

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