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"Rise and Fall of Intelligent Design"

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If I could have just one wish
Maybe for an hour
I wanna be a woman
And feel that phantom power

Maybe I'd wanna stick around for a while
Until my heart got broke
Maybe then I could find out if I'm a half decent man
Or if I'm just a joke

If I could be the first woman president
I'd take on air pollution
I'd walk the streets of Baghdad at dawn
To find the real solution

I'd bear my soul for the people to read
I'd make my secrets known
I'd rather really be assassinated first day in office
Or die somewhere alone

It's no excuse to be obtuse
It's no excuse to be deaf, dumb and blind
When evolution is a thing of no use
It likes to call itself intelligent design

So here's the world in the palm of my hand
How come I'm feeling so tender
It's a man's world, I've heard it since birth
I'm out of touch with my gender

I wanna feed the hungry, I wanna heal the sick
I wanna stifle the causes of suffering and hate
I wanna know my enemy by the look in its eyes
I wanna stop on this madness before it's too late

I don't care if you think I've gone crazy
Messianic delusion is a back breaking crime
I've got a dog and a gold fish and a friend in the navy
Don't know nothing about intelligent design

It's no excuse to be brutal
It's no excuse to be vile

It's no excuse to wanna die for religion
I harm an innocent child

It's no excuse to be a slick politician
When the whole New Orleans is drowning in brine
I'm not mistaken, it was Darwin's position
That the whole new evidence is caused by intelligent
design

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