

## Ryan Harvey

### "Just Like Before"

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Sh\*t's changing  
That's what everybody says  
The war is getting deadlier  
200,000 dead  
Feds are getting scarier  
All across the line  
Homeland Security  
Watching for a sign

Waiting to strike  
Pounce upon their prey  
Any dissident citizen  
Who dares to have a say  
And now the Patriot Act is working  
They just slipped it in our drink  
Now we use it on each other  
Scared of what people might think

Just like the sedition act  
Just like the espionage act  
Just like before

Everyone says Bush is different  
The worst one yet  
But I don't see their evidence  
How quickly we forget  
The bloody labor wars  
The slavery of blacks  
The funding of the Taliban  
It goes way back

To the seems of this country  
The Bill of Rights  
The stolen revolution  
The will of whites  
Taxing the people  
Stealing all their time  
Launching wars to distract  
Them from the real crime

Just like World War 1

Just like Vietnam  
Just like before

The paranoia's growing  
I've seen it in myself  
It started in good humor  
Now it's getting to my health  
Just like the last generation  
Who stepped out on the line  
And were killed and framed and scared  
But still refused to compromise

Friends are burning out  
Tired of jail  
It's hard to keep the pressure on  
It's harder when you fail  
Us, the orphaned children  
Of a past reduced to myth  
Forced into the future  
Ending up like this

Just like the 1890s  
Just like the 1960s  
Just like before

Seems history's been forgotten  
But history repeats  
And the profiteers are poised  
Up on the edges of their seats  
Making billions off the slaughter  
Lying through their teeth  
Making billions from the arms-trade  
From the the bodies in the street

Making whole stories up  
To keep us all sedated  
Knowing that we're dumb enough  
To willingly maintain it  
Just like every government  
That burned the last ones books  
They go back and edit history  
And no one even looks

But it's our history  
And we're living in it's path  
If we wanna build a future  
We gotta know our past  
Or we'll just repeat our failures  
And we'll watch our kids grow up  
And they'll go through the same process  
And they'll turn out just like us

They'll turn out just like us

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