

Tammany Hall NYC

"Be Safe"

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"2004: Stephen O'Reilly

TOO MANY YEARS NOW
I HELD MY TONGUE AND READ
FORMING OPINIONS
WHILE I LISTENED TO WHAT WAS SAID
I'VE LIVED MY DREAMS, MY OWN REALITY
A TACIT BIRTHRIGHT BREEDING HATE AND JEALOUSY

BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE ANGRY
WATCHED OVER WITH POPCORN AND CANDY
TOO MANY PEOPLE BURNED MY CONDITIONS BEYOND
THEIR CONTROL

TOO MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN KILLED BY
MONEY AND HAPPENSTANCE DRIVE-BYS
THEY FALL BY THE WAYSIDE,
NEVER STIRRING A SOUL

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SO HEED THE CALL 'CAUSE WHAT'S RIGHT IS IN YOUR
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TOO MANY YEARS NOW
I'VE TURNED TO NEWS AT 10PM
A RAPE, A KILLING, AND THE KNICKS HAVE LOST AGAIN
MY MIND'S CONDITIONED TO TUNE OUT AT THE SIGHT,
THE GRAND DELUSION THAT WE ALL SLEEP WELL AT
NIGHT
THERE IS A PROBLEM THAT WON'T EVER GO AWAY
I GUESS SURVIVAL IS THE PROMISE OF TODAY
BUT I'M A DREAMER AND MY DREAM HAS JUST BEGUN
WE ARE A FAMILY IF THE WORLD IS TRULY ONE

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THIS IS THE LAST LIFE YOU WILL LIVE
IF YOU ARE BROKEN, I'LL GIVE GIVE GIVE
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO START A NEW
AND WITH EVERYTHING I GOT, I BELIEVE IN YOU
IT TAKES A MOMENT TO BREAK THIS CHAIN
AND REALIZE WE ARE ALL THE SAME

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