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GLOBAL ECONOMY

There's a man on the television talkin' down to me
About the global economy
He's tellin' us all that it's the only way to go
And he's an expert so he should know
But there's one thing for sure and every day it's getting' surer
The rich are getting' richer and the poor are getting' poorer
The poor man's sweat still earns the rich man's bucks
I think the global economy sucks

When I walk down this city's nice middle-class streets
Seems like there's more beggars there every week
The homeless and hopeless hand-out refugees
From the global economy
Yes all around this world things are getting more unpleasant
But at least I'm not a poor third world peasant
Debt hangin' round my neck from the cradle to the grave
Livin' and dyin' a World Bank slav

This noble global economy
Is just another form of slavery
Find a poor and desperate nation and tie it to the yoke
Enslave it, exploit it, and send it broke
For you see all those banks and faceless corporations
Don't give a damn for human rights or future generations
Don't concern themselves at all with questions philosophic
Their creed is greed and their God is profit

But this is a burden that we all have to bear
We've got to learn how to give and learn how to share
Walk together to a future that we can still save
Or get back down on all fours and crawl back to the caves
If we don't share our wealth but just accumulate it
Someday someone is goin' to come and try to take it
Could you stand outside the kitchen when the fatted calf is carved
While your children suffered and starved?

There's a man on the television talkin' down to me
About the global economy
Like I said before right at the start of this song
He says he's right – but I know he's wrong!