THIS WORLD TODAY IS A MESS

WHAT YOU DO WHAT YOU SAY
HAS A LOT A DO IN HOW YOU LIVE TODAY
WHAT YOU WANT AN' WHAT YOU MAKE
EV'RYBODY KNOWS IT'S ONLY WHAT YOU-OU TAKE

WHAT YOU SEE-EE AN' WHAT YOU HEAR
WHEN IT COMES AROUND AGAIN IT'S NOT TOO CLEAR
YOU SAY YES THEY SAY NO
E-EV'RYBODY'S TALKIN' EVERYWHERE YOU GO

    YOU TRY TO GIVE ANOTHER MAN A HELPIN' A HA-AND
    AN' HE WILL TAKE YOUR KINDNESS FOR A WEAKE-ER STAND
    NEVER DO TO OTHERS WHAT THEY DO TO-O YOU
    TRY TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE IT THROUGH OOUOUGH

WHAT I SAY-AY IS WHAT I KNOW
TRY TO GET A FAVOR GOIN' FROM DOOR TO DOOR
YOU STOP AND PRAY IT'S OUT OF STYLE
YOU GET A STEP AHEAD IT TAKES A HUNDRED MILES

AND NOW A WHAT I SAY IS WHAT I KNOW
TRY TO GET A FAVOR GOIN' FROM DOOR TO DOOR
YOU STOP AND PRAY YOU KNOW THAT'S OUT OF STYLE
GET A STEP AHEAD IT TAKES A HUNDRED MILES

    NOW YOU TRY TO GIVE ANOTHER MAN A HELPIN' A HAND
    HE WILL TAKE YOUR KINDNESS FOR A WEAKE-ER STAND
    NEVER DO TO OTHERS WHAT THEY DO TO-O YOU
    YOU BETTER DO IT TO THEM BEFORE THEY DO IT TO YOUOU-OU HA

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BUT NOW A WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU HEAR
WHEN IT COMES AROUND AGAIN IT'S NOT A GONNA BE THE SA-AME THI-IN
BECAUSE YOU'RE GONNA SAY YES AND THEY'RE GONNA SAY NO AN' 'EN EV'RY
BODY'S GONNA START TALKIN' 'N TALKIN' 'N' BLA BLA EV'RYWHERE YOU GO AN' YOU

    KNOW SOMETHIN' YOU TRY A GIVE ANOTHER MAN A HELPIN' HAND YOU KNOW
    WHAT HE'S GONNA DO HE'S GON' TAKE YOUR KINDNESS FOR WEAKER STAND
    _ YOU TRY TO DO FOR OTHERS WHAT YOU'D LIKE THEM T'DO TO YOU HH AH AH
    _ FORGET ET IT'S GONNA BE SOME OTHER KI-IND THI-IN _ SO YOU

TRY TO GIVE ANOTHER MAN NOW LISTEN A HELPIN' HAEND
HE WILL TAKE YOUR KINDNESS FOR A WEAKER STAND
NEVER DO TO OTHERS WHAT THEY DO TO YOU
TRY TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE IT THROUGH