Bruce Hornsby, Hot House Ball

We've lived around here most all of our lives Did most anything we wanted to do We will celebrate every 4th of July Just a little tamer than most of the rest of us do

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We can dance in the streets any night or day The big ball men built such a nice old park One day we'll celebrate every halloween Our faces as masks everyone glow in the dark

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Temper's hot, better pray for rain Better watch out now for the gamma rays Party time at the government gate

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