Chicago, Dialogue Part I

Are you optimistic 'bout the way that things are going?
No, I never ever think of it at all
Don't you ever worry when you see what's going down?
Well, I try to mind my business, that is, no business at all
When it's time to function as a feeling human being
Will your bachelor of arts help you get by?
I hope to study further, a few more years or so
I also hope to keep a steady high
Will you try to change things, use the power that you have
The power of a million new ideas?
What is this power you speak of and the need for things to change?
I always thought that everything was fine
Everything is fine
Don't you feel repression just closing in around?
No, the campus here is very very free
Don't it make you angry the way war is dragging on?
Well I hope the president knows what he's into, I don't know
Ooh I just don't know, yeah
Don't you see starvation in the city where you live
All the needless hunger, all the needless pain?
I haven't been there lately, the country is so fine
But my neighbors don't seem hungry 'cause they haven't got the time
Haven't got the time
Thank you for the talk, you know you really eased my mind
I was troubled by the shapes of things to come
Well, if you had my outlook, your feelings would be numb
You'd always think that everything was fine
Everything was fine