

Crass, Beg Your Pardon

chorus: beg the question, bend the truth,
bail out the basement while there's holes in the roof

in the beginning they said there was light
well there ain't much left of it now
we're lost in the darkness, searching sound and sight
of an answer to the what, where and how
we're talking about freedom while we're locked in a cell
dreaming of a world without war
forced to live on the boundaries of hell
like no-one's ever thought of peace before
but what's the point of preaching peace if it's something you don't feel?
what's the point of talking love if you think that love ain't real?
where's the hope in hopelessness? where's the truth in lies?
don't hold my hand if you can't look me in the eyes

chorus

in the beginning they said there was light
but somebody's burnt out a fuse
and now we're all lost in eternal night
looking for a candle to use
lots of little candles of isolated hope
frail little flames in the gale
lost little people who just can't cope
just knocking their heads on the nail
what's the point of talking freedom if you just protect yourself?
what's the point of preaching sharing as you accumulate your wealth?
it's so easy to be giving if the things you give ain't real
it's easy to lie if you ignore the things you feel

chorus

in the beginning they said there was light
but we never had the eyes to see
but rather than struggling or putting up a fight
we ran like lemmings to the sea
no-one really wants to get it all together
it's easier just to grab what you can
everybody's going it, hell for leather
building little castles in the sand
hypocrisy, delusion, lies, pretence, deceit
think only of yourself and the world's at your feet
i don't believe the things you say, you make bullshit of the truth
the game you play's offensive and your life's the living proof

chorus

in the beginning they said there was light
but i'm tired of hearing their lies
i'm tired of deceit, gonna put up a fight
i'm going to use my own eyes
gonna make MY decisions, live my own life
they can keep their darkness and gloom
hypocrisy, trickery, i've had enough
they can keep their destruction and doom
i've only one life and i'll live it my way
they can keep their restrictions and laws
and if they think different i'll have one thing to say:
?fuck off cos i've heard it before!?