Rush, Limelight

Living on a lighted stage Approaches the unreal For those who think and feel In touch with some reality Beyond the gilded cage

Cast in this unlikely role III-equipped to act With insufficient tact One must put up barriers To keep oneself intact

[Chorus:]
Living in the limelight
The universal dream
For those who wish to seem
Those who wish to be
Must put aside the alienation
Get on with the fascination
The real relation
The underlying theme

Living in a fish eye lens Caught in the camera eye I have no heart to lie I can't pretend a stranger Is a long-awaited friend

All the world's indeed a stage And we are merely players Performers and portrayers Each another's audience Outside the gilded cage

[Chorus]