

# Bad Religion, The Defense

Nothing comes easier than madness in the world today  
Mass paranoia is a mode not a melody  
Yeah, I'd like to watch a 1,000 cable channels but there's nothing on  
And my high speed connection's monitored daily by the Pentagon  
These things are seldom what they seem  
I'm not inclined to enjoy my dreams  
Won't go away  
No peace  
(No peace)  
And no friends  
(No friends)  
(We trace)  
We trace the mortal edge  
(With no defense)  
To state the obvious  
This world is perilous for us  
No sense  
(No sense)  
And no guide  
(No guide)  
Ain't it beautiful to be alive  
(Yeah, right)  
I won't resign before the struggle ends  
So I'll construct this sound defense  
We are the prey and culture is the predator  
I'm running out of time where conditions are positional  
Shadows of a doubt cast reluctance and depravity  
There's gotta be a way to overcome this cruel reality  
Is there an option left for me?  
I'm not immune to despondency  
There's no way  
No peace  
(No peace)  
And no friends  
(No friends)  
(We trace)  
We trace the mortal edge  
(With no defense)  
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So I'll construct this sound defense  
There's a signpost on the corner and it keeps everybody safe  
We were all made in the shade and your mother's in the kitchen  
Where she's patching all the cracks in the wall  
We never had a care in the world  
(No shade)  
Too much to sacrifice  
(And no light)  
It's hard to recognize  
(Just black)  
Traps to compromise  
(And white)  
Obscuring deadly alibis  
(My plans)  
It's combinational  
(Designs)  
The pressure's so intense

So I'll construct this sound defense  
(No way)  
Nothing's plainer than the madness in the world today  
(No sign)  
I must conceal myself and steal myself and break away  
(No grace)  
I seek initiative in matters that are black and white  
(No sense)  
So I'll construct this sound defense