John Mellencamp, Between A Laugh And A Tear

When paradise is no longer fit for you to live in And your adolescent dreams are gone Through the days you feel a little used up And you don't know where your energy's gone wrong It's just your soul feelin' a little downhearted Sometimes life is too ridiculous to live You count your friends all on one finger I know it sounds crazy just the way that we live

Between a laugh and a tear Smile in the mirror as you walk by Between a laugh and a tear And that's as good as it can get for us And there ain't no reason to stop tryin'

When this cardboard town can no longer amuse you You see through everything and nothin' seems worthwhile And hypocrite used to be such a big word to you And it don't seem to mean anything to you now Just try to live each and every precious moment Don't be discouraged by the future forget the past That's old advise but it'll be good to you I know there's a balance see it when I swing past

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[Repeat] When paradise can no longer amuse you.....