

Level 42, The Bends

You've got to see me in the cold light of day
You gotta see me as I am but that's the only way
But it's often the way when you try to make amends
Come up too fast and you're sure to get the bends
It never ends

I've been diving, deeper than you think
Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink
The long wave return makes it harder to be friends
Come up too fast and you're sure to get the bends
Oh nobody knows, nobody knows

Why we're chained to our first impression

Oh nobody knows, nobody knows

How we're changed by decompression

Look at the crazy people heading for the bay

(You're telling me I'm crazy)

It's a drop in the ocean but we're growing by the day

The long wave returns and it's hard to comprehend

(You really do amaze me)

Come up too fast and you'll be sure to get the bends

Oh nobody knows, nobody knows

Why we're chained to our first impression

Oh nobody knows, nobody knows

How we're changed by decompression

Look at the crazy people

All heading for the bay

Some keeping it together

Some falling by the way

Way down below the surface

It's easy to pretend

Gotta get up off the seabed

It's time to make amends

People like a river

Flowing to the sea

Making a stand to deliver

a new philosophy

No need to be defensive

When there's nothing to defend

Better make it last, come up too fast

and you're sure to get the bends

It never ends