

The Tragically Hip, The Dark Canuck

this one is for you and it goes on and on and on
when nothing seems to do for when the doubtless and the wrong
ask, "can i help you?" in that way that says, "i can't"
or claim we're all the same, just inconsistent
or pretend all understanding turned out to be pretence
then pretend the pretence of understanding, how long does it take depends

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if you need a good connection for drugs or a strong tolerance for alcohol
too little religious education, some pain threshold
if from the outside there's no demand for what you do
and inside there's an army waiting for their marching orders for you
come sit on my swing set, come sit on my porch
after ten at night, smoke your cigarettes, if you like, of course

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if we ever get home, let's don't compare
let's relinquish all our holidays and drive in premieres
if we ever get home, i'm going to have me three children
apple, zippo and metronome, that's what i'm going to name them

and get celebrity skin, the illusion of tough
i'm going to talk about nothing till nothing's enough
if we ever get home and the subject comes up
this war isn't for children, war is nothing's enough

in the clouds of blood at the end of jaws
in the misted cars honking their applause
at the drive-in double feature
at the heart of dark enough
it's jaws and the dark canuck
should we stay for the dark canuck?
yeah, everyone, hands up
who's for the dark canuck?
i think we relinquished enough
and it's still dark enough

and it goes on and on and on