

Todd Rundgren, Temporary Sanity

I had such great expectations
Of the world's benevolence
Of benevolence
But I prefer hallucinations
'cause they tend to make more sense
Than experience

'cause it was just another sneak attack
Of temporary sanity
It was a pleasant stay, but now I'm back
From temporary sanity
My temporary sanity

I began to grow dependent
On a thing called "common sense";
It was common sense
But my world grew so resplendent
That the strain was too intense
Without self-defense

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The pool spreads across the pavement
Where the sniper made him lie
And he looks just like my youngest
And I'm watching him die
I must remind myself I've seen this
It's all ancient history
One long trail of twisted bodies
As the strong crush the weak

We must be crazy
We are crazy
This is our natural state
As our children die around us
We just sit here and wait
For a little temporary sanity
Some temporary sanity

There's a chance that we would still get the picture
If reality just came up and bit ya
But the news team would never report it
Because there's too much evidence to support it
If we were stupider, the problem would vanish
But our brains are much more than we can manage
We say we want something so bad we can taste it
But once we get it, then we turn 'round and waste it
We got a twisted fixation with marketplace
And every suffering soul is just another face
We think we're being manipulated from outer space
It's the collective guilty conscience of the human race
We get joyful when we look upon a lesser man
A specimen that we can be sure that we are better than
There is no shortage of supply of pride and vanity
There is no other explanation but insanity

You're listening to prozac
While the message goes unheard
It's the final word

We must be crazy
We must be crazy
There's no explanation
So we must be crazy