We're About 9, The Man

I got a call from an old friend she seemed to need a hand

I put my two cents in I'd like to do what I can

but she said

'you blond-haired, blue-eyed, skinny, Christian, tall, straight male

suburban democrat

how can you possible understand?'

but I was born an artist

and I was taught in the womb

you would work more and earn less

and be held down by an invisible hand

its the man, its the man, its the man, its the man, its the man

people are like sugar just trying to be sweet

but if you put enough together

we will make you sick

and ruin your dinner

with our politics

and kill you slowly with our invisible hands

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I know I'm still growing

I know I'm still getting weaker

growing more like them

with their cushy offices

and more perspectives

but I'm not losing track

of my objectives

I'm turning down their offers

and taking a chance

and writing a song about their invisible hands

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