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“The World We Live In – Recrimination”

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Will you shoot me at the movies? Will I walk the streets and die?
Will I send my kids to school? Will they learn or will they hide?

Will you hit me with your car? Will you leave me there to die?
Will you blame me for your actions? Will I fear that you will lie?

Will you sue me now or later? Will it make your wallet fat?
Will you show me some good manners? Will you give more than get back?

Do you think before you speak? Do your actions back your claims?
Do you often show your anger? Do you hang your head in shame?

Do you watch the evening news? Do you see what’s going on?
Do you learn from your mistakes? Do you want to fix what’s wrong?

Do you think that you’re entitled? Do you think that you could change?
Will you show me some respect? Will you stop with all this pain?

Do you think your life’s worth living? Do you think my life is too?
A better world we live in, it begins with me and you.



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