

The Great Deception  
Van Morrison

Intro:

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Verse 1:

Did you ever hear a-bout The Great De-ception?  
A F#m E D  
Well, the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run.  
A F#m E D  
Have you ever been down to Love City?  
F#m E A  
Where they rip you off with a smile, and it don t take a gun.

Verse 2:

Don t it hurt so bad in Love city?  
A F#m E D  
Don t it make you not want to bother at all?  
A F#m  
And don t they look so self righteous,  
A F#m E D  
When they pin you up a-against the wall?  
F#m E A

Chorus 1:

Did you ever, ever see the people,  
E D  
C#m D  
With the tear drops in their eyes?  
E D  
I just can t stand it, stand it no how,  
C#m A (n.D)  
Living in this world of lies.

Verse 3:

Did you ever hear a-bout the Rock and Roll singers?  
A F#m E D  
Got three or four Cadil-lacs.  
A F#m E D  
Saying power to the people, dance to the music;  
F#m E A  
Wants you to pat him on the back.

Verse 4:

**F#m E D**  
Have you ever heard a-bout the great Rembrandt?  
**A F#m**  
Have you ever heard a-bout how he could paint?  
**A F#m E D**  
And he didn t have e-nough money for his brushes;  
**F#m E A**  
And they thought it was rather quaint.

Chorus 2:

**E D**  
But you know it s no use re-peating,  
**C#m D**  
And you know it s no use to think about it.  
**E D A (n.D)**  
Cos when you stop to think a-bout it; you don t need it.

Verse 5:

**F#m E**  
Have you ever heard a-bout the great,  
**D**  
Hollywood motion picture actor,  
**A F#m**  
Who knew more than they did?  
**A F#m E D**  
And the newspapers didn t cover the story;  
**F#m E A**  
Just decided to keep it hid.

Verse 6:

**F#m E D**  
Somebody started saying it was an inside job;  
**A F#m**  
Whatever happened to him?  
**A F#m E D**  
Last time they saw him, down on the bow ry;  
**F#m E A**  
With his lip hanging off an old rusty bottle of gin.

Verse 7:

**F#m E D**  
Have you ever heard a-bout the so-called Hippies?  
**A F#m**  
Down on the far side of the tracks.  
**A F#m E D**  
They take the eyeballs straight out of your head,  
**F#m E A**

Say son, kid, do you want your eyeballs back?

Chorus 3:

**E** **D**  
Did you ever, ever see the people,  
**C#m** **D**  
With the tear drops in their eyes?  
**E** **D**  
I just can t stand it, stand it no how,  
**C#m** **A** (n.D)  
Living in this world of lies.

Verse 8:

**F#m** **E** **D**  
Did you ever hear a-bout The Great De-ception?  
**A** **F#m**  
Well, the plastic revolutionaries take the money and run.  
**A** **F#m** **E** **D**  
Have you ever been down to Love City?  
**F#m** **E** **A**  
Where they rip you off with a smile, and it don t take a gun.

Outro:

**F#m** **E** **F#m**  
Have you ever heard about...  
The Great Deception.