

The Great Deception
Van Morrison

Intro:

A

Verse 1:

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.

Verse 2:

A F#m E D
Don t it hurt so bad in Love city?

A F#m
Don t it make you not want to bother at all?

A F#m E D
And don t they look so self righteous,

F#m E A
When they pin you up a-against the wall?

Chorus 1:

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 3:

F#m E D
Did you ever hear a-bout the Rock and Roll singers?

A F#m
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.