We keep hearing everyday, that it'll happen one fine day
That we'll just up and run out of juice
The people are up in arms, cuz their leaders sounded no alarm
What could possibly be their excuse
But here's the irony, when they want a refinery
What seemed like such a noble cause, suddenly gives us pause
And second thoughts become a writing spree.
    Please put it anywhere but here, I mean anywhere but here
Just not in my backyard, how about Zaire
Or anywhere else but here, just make it disappear
Someplace I can't see or hear, just put it anywhere but here.

All the stuff that we buy, comes from minerals from mines
That are huge gaping holes in the land
And everyone has a fit, and wonders how we let these pits
Scar the view that once was so grand
But when it occurs to us, that we must
Give up all the things we crave, and live like in the olden days
We suddenly change the focus of our fuss.
    Just put it anywhere but here, someplace that's not near
We've got to protect the environment round here, how about Kashmir,
Or anywhere else but here, exactly where is not quite clear
We don't believe we're acting out of fear, we just want it anywhere but here.

We wouldn't dare consider ourselves hypocrites
But can you find a better phrase
We elect only those candidates
Promising unending happy days.
(Instrumental)
But here's the irony, we want electricity
Without a power plant in sight, we consider them to be blight
Just the benefit, without all the cost.

Put it anywhere but here, I mean anywhere but here
Just not in my backyard, how about the stratosphere
Or anywhere else but here, please make it disappear
Someplace I can't see or hear, just put it anywhere but here.
Don't say I'm acting out of fear, I just want it anywhere but here.
Please put it, anywhere but here.
Anywhere but here.