

Student version

The Temptations—Ball of Confusion (That's What The World Is Today)
1970

People movin' out,
People movin' in.
Why, because of the color of their skin
Run, run, run, but you sho' can't hide *line 4*

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,
Vote for me and I'll set you free
Rap on, brother, rap on *line 7*

The only person talkin' about love thy brother is the preacher
And it seems nobody's interested in learning
But the teacher *line 10*

Segregation, determination, demonstration, integration,
Aggravation, humiliation, obligation to our nation *line 12*

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Oh yeah, that's what the world is today, hey, hey *line 14*

The sale of pills are at an all time high
Young folks walkin' around with their heads in the sky
The cities aflame in the summertime and, oh
The beat goes on *line 18*

Evolution, revolution, gun control, the sound of soul
Shooting rockets to the moon
Kids growing up too soon
Politicians say more taxes will solve everything *line 22*

And the band played on

So, round and around and around we go
Where the world's headed, nobody knows *line 25*

Oh, Great googamooga, can't you hear me talkin' to you
Just a Ball of Confusion, oh yeah
That's what the world is today, hey *line 28*

Fear in the air, tension everywhere
Unemployment's rising fast,
The Beatles' new record's a gas *line 31*

And the only safe place to live
Is in an Indian Reservation

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And the band played on *line 34*
Eve of destruction, tax deduction
City inspectors, bill collectors
Mod clothes in demand
Population out of hand
Suicide, too many bills
Hippies moving to the hills,
People all over the world are shouting "End the War" *line 41*

And the band played on

Oh, Great googamooga, can't you hear me talkin' to you

Just a Ball of Confusion,
That's what the world is today, hey *line 45*

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