



## Amnesia or Apathy in the Land Of Oz?

Oh how pathetic we can be  
Living in a fool's paradise we believe to be free  
Yet sightless and mute, thanks to political correctness and more  
Not learning from the mistakes of those who came before

Failed politicians with generous pensions bask in the shining sun  
While homeless beg in the streets seeking crumbs  
Many lost citizens with no compass ask "which way forth?"  
Politicians issue false maps and lie that south is really north

Canberra boasts we will feed the world with our rich soil  
Yet in farming regions, rich loam is destroyed for gas and oil  
Yesterday's dreams for dams and hydro failed the green test  
It seems droughts, noisy windmills and foreign interests are best

We claim free speech but speak your mind if you do dare  
A Fair Go can be won if you've gold and friends *you know where*  
Fanatics who can destroy us are pampered and nothing more said  
War veterans sleep wet and cold with old newspapers for beds

Film Stars with no morals or brains worshipped day and night  
Ancient churches offer love and kindness but few clients in sight  
Never assault home invaders, you must pretend to be a mouse  
Cos if you fight, the Judge will give the ba---ards your house

Is it amnesia, ignorance or selfishness shown by you and me?  
Ignoring precious lessons on how our yesterdays' came to be?  
Taking for granted the values of a way of life we call democracy?  
Could it all be lost and we tumble back to dark days of misery?

The clock is ticking with each passing hour  
Surely it's time for us to wake up to what truly can be ours  
Get off that creaking circular bed\* and recapture a precious past  
It's possible we could regain our true freedom at long, long last  
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\*\*Creaking circular bed -----My new politically correct term for "Let's stop fu---ing around"