

LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS

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See the city lights shining like a promise
From the lips of the ones who set them burning
I mean the lights, not their lips
If their lips were burning then their heads would ignite
And there would be no need for artificial light
Alas, the wires are winding as the world grows unified
So let the fireworks begin and tuck the children in
Beneath the blanket of the night electrified

Now the lighting of the lamps Now the lighting of the lamps

Transformer towers like a harvest
In the fields of the ones who set them buzzing
Now there's a leak in the line
And the fields are buzzing as the cows begin to run
Children sleeping restless when their blankets start to hum
Alas, old McDonald had a farm in Wisconsin where the voltage went astray
Young born twisted, the utilities insisted
They were blameless, 'til the sick were gone
Then what could they say, but ...

Now the lighting of the lamps; the promise is, the promise was ...
Now the lighting of the lamps; because, because, because, because
Now the lighting of the lamps; the promise is, the promise was ...
Now the lighting of the lamps; because, because, because, because, because

Thomas Edison

What is this medicine that brings good things to light?
With the glowing guarantees of eternal luxuries we bid farewell to the night
Old man Thomas
He kept his promise and the fires they have burned a hundred years
Behind every window pane hang the dangling remains
Of a million monofilamented incandescent tears

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Now the lighting of the lamps; the promise is, the promise was ...

Now the lighting of the lamps; because, because, because, because, because
The lighting of the lamps, the lighting of the lamps

See the satellites streaming like an EEG
From the heads of the ones who keep them spinning
I mean the lights not their heads
If their heads were spinning ... and they are ... in the stars
City lights shining like a promise of a future bright and free
So let the fireworks begin and tuck the children in
We'll see what we will see

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