

# (Ende)

... That's great, it starts with an earthquake  
Birds and snakes, and aeroplanes  
And Lenny Bruce is not afraid

... Eye of a hurricane, listen to yourself churn  
World serves its own needs  
Don't mis-serve your own needs  
Speed it up a notch, speed, grunt, no, strength  
The ladder starts to clatter  
With a fear of height, down, height  
Wire in a fire, represent the seven games  
And a government for hire and a combat site  
Left her, wasn't coming in a hurry  
With the Furies breathing down your neck

... Team by team, reporters baffled, trumped, tethered, cropped  
Look at that low plane, fine, then  
Uh oh, overflow, population, common group  
But it'll do, save yourself, serve yourself  
World serves its own needs, listen to your heart bleed  
Tell me with the Rapture and the reverent in the right, right  
You vitriolic, patriotic, slam fight, bright light  
Feeling pretty psyched

... It's the end of the world as we know it  
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It's the end of the world as we know it and I feel fine

... Six o'clock, T. V. hour, don't get caught in foreign tower  
Slash and burn, return, listen to yourself churn  
Lock him in uniform, book burning, bloodletting  
Every motive escalate, automotive incinerate  
Light a candle, light a motive, step down, step down  
Watch your heel crush, crush, uh oh  
This means no fear, cavalier, renegade and steering clear  
A tournament, a tournament, a tournament of lies  
Offer me solutions, offer me alternatives and I decline

... It's the end of the world as we know it (I had some time alone)  
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(time I had some time alone)  
I feel fine (I feel fine)

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... The other night I drifted nice continental drift divide  
Mountains sit in a line, Leonard Bernstein  
Leonid Brezhnev, Lenny Bruce and Lester Bangs  
Birthday party, cheesecake, jellybean, boom  
You symbiotic, patriotic, slam but neck, right, right

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— R.E.M.: *It's The End of the World As We Know It  
(And I Feel Fine)* (1987)