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From Album*: Off to Brighton

C
Isn't it funny, we're all chasing money,
F C
When really it doesn't exist?
F C
It's just computer digits and ink stuck on paper,
Dm G
And metal in bright, shiny discs.

C
But we're told to believe, it's what we all need,
F C
To bring happiness our way.
F C
So we pollute the seas, the air, destroy trees
Dm
And make thousands and thousands and
G
thousands of people// starve each day.

C
So how can it be, we're locked in this nonsense
F C
Chasing what doesn't exist?
F C
Is it because we're all basically stupid?
Dm G
Well, you can guess// what my answer is.

A C
It's not digits and paper that function as money
F C
But belief in their power that does
F C
And teachers and bankers and decision-makers
Dm G
Feed us this, // like it comes from God. 2nd time → B

C G
But if we open our hearts and our minds to break free
Em Am
From lives as wage slaves steered by fear and greed
F C
And create with others who are on this journey
F G
A path of beauty, joy and peace.

C G
Make banks and finance work for people
Em Am
Instead of for profit alone
F C
Cancel the debt on all of the countries
F
// So that everyone can have clean water and
G
food and a home

C
For, It's not digits and paper → verse A

C
B But of course, if you want, you can just carry on
F C
Tearing the World apart
F C
Moving the digits and pieces of paper
Dm G
In a battle without a heart.

C G
But if we take time for our hearts and our minds
Em Am
To get a sense of a life without greed
F C
We'll find that it's better working together
F G(Bar) Am(5)
//So that we// can all// live in peace.

INTRO: C walk down from S4 F2, 3, 2, 0...

Isn't it funny, we're all chasing money
G -----G F E E F

The absurdity of how we allow an artificial construct (debt-based money) to steer and destroy so much