

# Level 42, People

I'm forever struck  
by the people in this town  
and the way they go about their world  
have they given up  
all the fun they used to have in adolescent xanadu  
everything is too much time and trouble  
they must be seen as being respectable  
they're too busy with their social climbing  
waiting for a rise

Chorus:

Why can't people just be people  
when they were young  
they would wish for the summer evenings that would never end  
now the day's too long  
and the key to life is locked away in childhood memories  
some people judge a man as reasonable  
if the wine he buys is seasonable  
they've time for friendship if it's advantageous  
and causes no pain

Chorus:

why are people so deceitful  
why can't people just be people  
there is more to the world  
than is offered by the soap and war found on the TV screen  
and there is more to this life  
if you would only take the time to look within and find the key  
don't believe words when they're superficial  
don't put your trust in values artificial  
let your heart do the talking for a little  
and feel yourself shine

Chorus:

why can't people trust in people  
why can't people just be people  
find the time and you'll realise  
life isn't too much time and trouble  
(repeat til fade)