

No Room For Anyone

Wandering through the alley; wandering backstreets
Fancy the people that you find walking in their sleep.
Nose to the grindstone, eyes straight ahead focused on nothing but sweat
Better off the dream they say but they haven't caught it yet (No, no!)

**Go out and find your own very place in the sun.
Spread the word, "the self is king!" no room for anyone.
Jump for joy, the barns are busting; no room left in the Inn
Seem to have to keep from dying; there's just no way to win**

I've heard it said a thousand times, "there is only one way."
So we put all our marbles in a box, and that's all there is to say.
But Love's on the loose, let's call a truce, and hear it all over again.
"All you need is love!" my friend, let the song never end (chorus)

We call ourselves intellectual-some people think we're smart
We make our faith come from our brains, rather than from the heart.
We keep on piling riches, we stockpile all our things;
we preserve and protect our wants; And the angels sing (chorus)

This was written during a dark period in my ministry. It is a very cynical song about our excesses as a society and about our hypocrisy as a church. I guess something that continues to swirl around in my mind is something that Dad told me that last week of his life. I went up to the hospital early one morning, the first morning after we put him in, because I was worried he had passed away. When I arrived, he was still sleeping and I just sat in the chair next to the bed. When he woke up he told me that Jesus had visited him that night, and he asked if I had seen him. I sarcastically said, "Well what did he have to say?" Dad let me know that I should quit my cynicism and listen. He said that Jesus had told him the truth about God's kingdom and about its "inbreaking" on the world. HE said that Jesus said, "It's about love, it's always and will always be about love." I simply can't let that go. So in this song it comes to play in the end of the second verse, in reference to an old Beatles' tune, "All You Need is Love."