The hopers dreamed a future Gleaming soft and gleaming bright Where we've put aside our grudges And began to do what's right

The scholars dreamed a future
Packed with books on shelves so high
Full of all that's been discovered
By the powers of the mind

The techies dreamed a future Full of gizmos, gadgets too Each one a modern marvel With cool function or two

The artists dreamed a future
Full of beautiful, sweet things
And of cultural virtues
The one who paints, the one who sings

The athletes dreamed a future Of records broken, records kept Of their teams and of traditions While the lot of us all slept

But the wealthy have no time for dreams But for hoarding money *now*, So they destroyed all of our futures Sitting smug, and sitting proud