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Headlines don't say a word
that's why they have to be read
Medium is the message
so it all remains unsaid
They send sound bites between commercials
we choose not to listen
Message received loud and clear
it's the point we've all been missing

We can program infotainment
to be broadcast and received
We can use our high-tech toys
to be mislead and deceived
There is so much we need to say
talking heads are all the rage
We need to get
our fax straight
in the information age

Nuclear families are exploding
we're dying from the fallout
We don't say much more than "hello"
there's nothing left to talk about
Mom and dad don't listen
kids don't do what they're told
It's so hard growing up
it's not easy getting old

We can build sitcom situations
live our dreams through MTV
If we were to watch our own lives
we would see them differently
Our old Sony's are not mirrors
it is time for a channel change
We need people
to relate
in the information age

The message light tells me
 you didn't try to call
If not for the telephone
 would we ever talk at all?
I'm doing downtime
 blank as a TV screen
I could talk with you forever
 but never tell you what I mean

We can download and uplink
but we cannot make connections
So we pass like satellites
programmed with wrong directions
Car phones and computers
are our love's malaise
We need hearts
to communicate
in the information age.