

## Nothing Ever Happens - Del Amitri

Post office clerks put up signs saying "Position Closed"  
And secretaries turn off typewriters and put on their coats  
And janitors padlock the gates for security guards to patrol  
And bachelors phone up their friends for a drink while the married ones turn on a chat show  
And they'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

"Gentlemen time please, you know we can't serve anymore"  
Now the traffic lights change to stop, when there's nothing to go  
And by five o'clock everything's dead and every third car is a cab  
And ignorant people sleep in their beds like the doped white mice in the college lab

And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all  
The needle returns to the start of the song  
And we all sing along like before  
And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

Telephone exchanges click while there's nobody there  
The Martians could land in the car park and no one would care  
Closed-circuit cameras in department stores  
Shoot the same movie every day  
And the stars of these films neither die nor get killed  
Just survive constant action replay

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And bill hoardings advertise products that nobody needs  
While "Angry from Manchester" writes to complain about all the repeats on TV  
Computer terminals report some gains in the values of copper and tin  
While American businessmen snap up Van Goghs for the price of a hospital wing

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And we all sing along like before

And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all  
They'll burn down the synagogues at six o'clock  
And we'll all go along like before  
And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

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