REM – Mad World (1982)

"Mad World" is a song by the British band "Tears for Fears" written in 1982. It was the band's first UK hit and also their first international success, reaching the Top 40 in many countries. The song has since been covered by various artists, including REM.

All around me are familiar faces
Worn out places, worn out faces
Bright and early for the daily races
Going nowhere, going nowhere
Their tears are filling up their glasses
No expression, no expression
Hide my head, I wanna drown my sorrow
No tomorrow, no tomorrow

Tears for Fears, 1982

Chorus:

And I find it kind of funny
I find it kind of sad
The dreams in which I'm dying
Are the best I've ever had
I find it hard to tell you
I find it hard to take
When people run in circles
It's a very, very mad world, mad world

Gary Jules (REM), 2001

Children waiting for the day they feel good
Happy birthday, happy birthday
And I feel the way that every child should
Sit and listen, sit and listen
Went to school and I was very nervous
No one knew me, no one knew me
Hello teacher tell me what's my lesson
Look right through me, look right through me

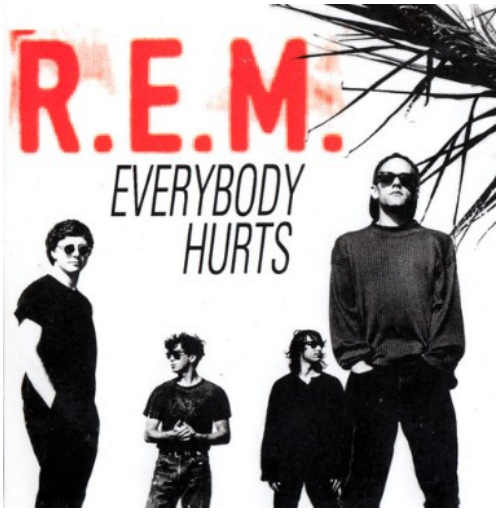
[Chorus]

Enlarge your world, mad world

Tears for Fears (1982): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1ZvPSpLxCg

Gary Jules (REM)(2001): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhT_wusAyoc

REM – Everybody Hurts (1993)



When your day is long and the night
The night is yours alone
When you're sure you've had enough of this life
Well hang on
Don’t let yourself go
‘Cos everybody cries
Everybody hurts sometimes

Sometimes everything is wrong
Now it's time to sing along
When your day is night alone (hold on, hold on)
If you feel like letting go (hold on)
When you think you've had too much of this life
Well hang on
‘Cos everybody hurts
Take comfort in your friends
Everybody hurts

Don’t throw your hand
Oh, no
Don’t throw your hand
If you feel like you're alone
No, no, no, you’re not alone

If you're on your own in this life
The days and nights are long
When you think you've had too much of this life to hang on

Well, everybody hurts
Sometimes everybody cries
Everybody hurts sometimes
Everybody hurts sometimes
So, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on
Everybody hurts …..

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