[Prolog, virtually spoken]:

1. We had stayed away from trouble till the real world burst our bubble; We had hearts of gold and pleasant songs till punished for the vile ones' wrongs; They afflicted and pushed us to where no human being belongs...

I had searched what seemed a lifetime to finally stake my claim; ripped my roots out of a small town to build fortune & fame.
Reinvested all the seeds of youth and even changed my name.

HOOK: They have ransacked all our dreams until there's no place left, it seems; So, anywhere I end up is now home But everyone of us there lives alone.

2. We had kept integrity
 that worldly pundits couldn't see.
 We just wanted our own lives & land
 is that so hard to understand?
 Ravaged by our own
 elected leaders sleight-of-hand...

We have turned our back on vigilance while pained oppressions build; We've no leaders in protecting from the cheaters waxing skilled. We've been bled dry as we each watch our own peaceful friends be killed.

[Repeat HOOK]

[INSTRUMENTAL ON VERSE SECTION]

3. We couldn't be made to conform just for a place that keeps us warm; Nor to give up what we need for tyrants' token chickenfeed; We always knew what we must have though we're a rare & dying breed...

[Repeat HOOK]

4. [Epilog, virtually spoken]:

When the game comes to an end
then they can't pretend to pretend;
Though that's how they've always done it
acting once again as if they've won it...
And even if they ever had
not one of them know how to run it!

[Repeat HOOK, AND WHISTLE HOOK INSTRUMENTALLY TO FADEOUT].

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