## **Whistling Dixie**

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We're a nation full of dumbbells Pulling nightshifts at the gym And we're a nation full of bookworm girls Dumbing down to fall in love with them

We're a nation full of suspects Whistling dixie at the scene And we're a nation full of bad detectives Selling clues to everyone we meet

We're a nation full of envy
Insecure and losing sleep
We're a nation full of jealous boyfriends
Driven nuts by facts and history

We're a nation full of ivy
It's wall to wall to wall all green
And we're a nation full of soundbyte bloodcells
Bound in knots and swelling down the stream

We wrap bibles up in blankets

Just in case we're watched in sleep

But it's the slingshots underneath our pillows

That keep us calm and rested and relieved

'Cause we're a nation built on egg shells, bandages and apple s eeds

Attractive homes on top of bruised foundations That come apart gradually Before they're leveled completely

Yeah before they're leveled completely