

# Independence Day

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We drove the car  
To the top of the parking ramp  
4th of July  
Sat out on the hood  
With a couple of warm beers  
And watched the fireworks  
Explode in the sky  
There was an exodus of birds from the trees  
'Cause they didn't know  
We were only pretending  
And the people all looked up and looked pleased  
And the birds flew around  
Like the whole world was ending  
I don't think war is noble  
And I don't like to think love is like war  
But I got a big hot cherry bomb  
And I want to slip it through the mail slot  
Of your front door  
You can't leave me here  
I got your back now  
You'd better have mine  
'Cause you say the coast is clear  
But you say that all the time  
So many sheep I quit counting  
Sleepless and embarrassed  
About the way that I feel  
Trying to make mole hills out of mountains  
Building base camp at the bottom  
Of a really big deal  
Did I ever tell you how I stopped eating  
When you stopped calling me  
I was cramped up  
And shitting rivers for weeks  
And pretending that I was finally free  
You can't leave me here  
I got your back now  
You'd better have mine  
'Cause you say the coast is clear  
But you say that all the time  
We drove the car  
To the top of the parking ramp  
4th of July  
I planted my dusty boots on the bumper  
Sat out on the hood  
And looked up at the sky