

We flipped the finger to the King of England
Then stole our country from the Indians
With God on our side and guns in our hands
We took it for our own

Built a nation dedicated to liberty,
Justice, and equality
Does it look that way to you? It doesn't look that way to me
It's the sickest joke I know

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I'm just another stupid American
But you don't want to listen, you don't want to understand
Just finish up your drink and go home.

I come from the land of Ben Franklin,
Twain and Poe and Walt Whitman.
Otis Redding, Ellington,
The country that I love...

But it's the land of the slaves, and the Klu Klux Klan,
The Haymarket Riot, and the Great Depression
Joe McCarthy, Viet Nam
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I'm proud and ashamed, every 4th of July
You've got to know the truth before you say that you've got pride
Now the cops got tanks 'cause the kids got guns
Shrinks pushing pills on everyone
Cancer from the ocean, cancer from the sun
Straight to Hell we go

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