Arrested in Shanghai

Rancid

They assured me I was guilty but I committed no crime
They said confessions bring lenience so they put me on the line
So I protest the massacres at the Tiananmen Square
My friends said yo, stay away man, you better not go fucking ba
ck there

They wouldn't let me write about my opinions about the state
And freedom of expression they would never tolerate
And the military secrets that I never did steal
I didn't start no violence, and there was nobody that I killed

So I have a clear account of all the abuses of power And the memories of my homeland have now gone sour And I only got one weapon, its so plain for me to see My only weapon I call.. poetry

And I don't even know why
The truth seems like a lie
In my cell there is no sky
When I was arrested in Shanghai

Into wealth and priveledge, huh, I was not born
But a devotion to freedom and liberty, I was sworn
So every emotion is studdied, watched and controlled
Who gets paid, who gets disciplined, who gets rolled

A transmitter beams my coordinates anywhere on earth And radio waves, surveilance, satellite burst Open up your skull and let some knowledge come in Crack open the cranium and let awareness begin.....