

# A Few Words in Defense of Our Country

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I'd like to say a few words  
In defense of our country  
Whose people aren't bad  
Nor are they mean  
Now the leaders we have  
While they're the worst that we've had  
Are hardly the worst  
This poor world has seen

Take the Caesars for example  
Within the first few of them  
They were sleeping with their sister,  
Stashing little boys in swimming pools  
And burning down the city  
And one of 'em, one of 'em  
Appointed his own horse to be Consul of the Empire  
That's like vice president or something  
Wait a minute, that's not a very good example is it?  
But wait, here's one,  
The Spanish Inquisition  
It put people in a terrible position  
I don't even like to think about it  
Well sometimes I like to think about it

Just a few words in defense of our country  
Whose time at the top  
Could be coming to an end  
We don't want your love  
And respect at this point is pretty much out of the question  
But times like these  
We sure could use a friend

Hitler  
Stalin  
Men who need no introduction  
King Leopold of Belgium, that's right  
Everyone thinks he's so great  
Well he owned The Congo and he tore it up too  
He took the diamonds  
He took the silver  
He took the gold  
You know what he left them with?  
Malaria  
A President once said,  
"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself"  
Now, we're supposed to be afraid  
It's patriotic in fact and color-coded  
And what are we supposed to be afraid of?  
Why of being afraid  
That's what terror means, doesn't it?  
That's what it used to mean

You know it kind of pisses me off  
That this Supreme Court is going to outlive me  
A couple of young Italian fellas and a brother on the Court now, too  
But I defy you, anywhere in the world,  
To find me two Italians as tightassed as the two Italians we got

And as for the brother, well  
Pluto's not a planet anymore either

The end of an Empire is messy at best  
And this Empire is ending  
Like all the rest  
Like the Spanish Armada adrift on the sea  
We're adrift in the land of the brave and the home of the free

Goodbye  
Goodbye  
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