

Giving Up the Gun

Vampire Weekend

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Burnt beneath the rising sun
It's locked up like a trophy
Forgetting all the things it's done

And though it's been a long time
You're right back where you started from
I see it in your eyes
That now you're giving up the gun

When I was 17, I had wrists like steel
And I felt complete
And now my body fades behind a brass charade
And I'm obsolete

But if the chance remained to see those better days
I'd cut the cannons down
My ears are blown to bits from all the rifle hits
But still, I crave that sound

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I heard you play guitar down at a seedy bar
Where skinheads used to fight
Your Tokugawa smile and your garbage style
Used to save the night

You felt the coming wave, told me we'd all be brave
You said you wouldn't flinch
But in the years that passed since I saw you last
You haven't moved an inch

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I see you shine in your way
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