

Political Rock II

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Fate

The land of opportunity
And the land of the free
Is just a myth for some
They are what they will be
Fate will find them out
And wear them down
Fate will leave no doubt
Fate will define their lives

The weight of inequality
Can poison the heart
For some it will be all they see
It will set them apart
Fate will find them out
And wear them down
Fate will leave no doubt
Fate will define their lives

The grind of poverty
Can starve the soul
For some it will be all they know
And it will take its toll
Fate will find them out
And wear them down
Fate will leave no doubt
Fate will define their lives

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Fonder Memories (A Song To My Country)

It troubles me greatly to see you in such a way
It troubles me greatly
So far we have come
I don't recognize you
The change is not flattering
I don't recognize you or what you've become
Fonder memories will sustain me
Fonder memories of you

We were so full of promise
And so sure we would make our way
We were so full of promise
So far we have come
But that promise has faded now
The change is unsettling
That promise has faded now
But only for some
Fonder memories will sustain me
Fonder memories of you

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Gerrymandering, Campaign Finance, Term Limits

A brand new government just like the old one
A whole new mandate but still the same one
It isn't so surprising since the outcome is a given thing
It's not at all surprising
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

To the victors go the spoils of their royal plunder
While the fabric of our lives gets torn asunder
They are so above that they cannot know the common man
They believe they're so above that
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

The power still resides in who stays the longest
Not in the wisest or in the strongest
It should be the ablest who decide on things that matter most
It should always be the ablest
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

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Political Babble

Hmm... they say you get what you pay for
I guess that's true
And I believe that you get what you vote for
How 'bout you?
It's all political babble anyway
No one understands what they say
Just political babble
Hmm...

Hmm... they say people vote for charisma
I guess that's true
And I believe it should be about substance
How 'bout you?
It's all political theater anyway
No one even believes what they say
Just political theater
Hmm...

Hmm... they say you should honor integrity
I guess that's true
And I believe that is hard to define
How 'bout you?
It's all political pretense anyway
No one holds them to what they say
Just political pretense
Hmm...

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Political Warriors

Riding the airwaves on high horses of self-importance
They turn up the volume as election day nears
Or stuffing your mailbox with unceasing solicitations
That play on your hopes and that play on your fears
They are the political warriors

Riding the advantage of guaranteed districts
In elections that are won before they even take place
Or pandering to a primary electorate
Then, in time for the general, a quick about-face
They are the political opportunists

Riding the coattails of political heavyweights
They deflect and discourage unwanted scrutiny
Or taking all the credit when they know none is due them
Imperfect examples of humility
They are the political survivors

Riding the largesse of wealthy donors
They will not be influenced, or at least so they say
Reversing positions based on public opinion
Denying the meanings that their own words convey
They are the political deceivers

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Posing and Posturing

What a big surprise!
Conflicting points of view and no compromise
It always comes to this
It's harder to be constructive than to demonize
If we don't stop all this posing and posturing
There'll be no one left but the liars and grandstanders

What a big surprise!
Another tragedy, and as the scene unfolds
All the same players showing their face again
And they point and shout
If we don't stop all this posing and posturing
There'll be no one left but the liars and grandstanders

What a big surprise!
People taking to the streets over what they think is true
But truth can be relative
And what is true for me may not be true for you
If we don't stop all this posing and posturing
There'll be no one left but the liars and grandstanders

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That Great Divide (Gridlock)

This is a fight with sinister forces
The stakes are high and we must prevail
If their side wins then all will be lost
Which is why we cannot fail
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

We cannot yield an inch of ground here
We must insist that it goes our way
Every decision is a battle
For who will have the final say
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

They say yes – well I say no then
Except if they should change their mind
And if they do – well I'll change mine then
Always look ahead and never behind
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

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The Distance Between Us

How can we be so far apart
Having so much in common?
How can we be so far apart?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To solve the problems that weigh us down
Whose view will prevail then?

How can we be so far removed
From the observance of civility?
How can we be so far removed?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To find answers that make us whole
Whose truth will prevail then?

How can we be so far away
From where we can work things through together?
How can we be so far away?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To work through what divides us
Whose right will prevail then?

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Trickle Down

Now you would court old ideas again
And somehow there will be truth in the spin
Maybe when the tables are reversed again
We might realize that the losers never win
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It doesn't much matter what you do or say
'Cause it won't change a thing

Now you would give to those who need it least
And somehow their goodwill will benefit everyone
Maybe when we're all invited to the feast
We might believe that a new day has begun
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It doesn't much matter what you do or say
'Cause it won't change a thing

Now you would take from those who need the most
And somehow they're still supposed to carry on
Maybe when the fatal strokes are diagnosed
We might agree that conclusions could be drawn
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It don't much matter what you say
'Cause it don't trickle down

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We Are America

Our differences divide us
But they make us what we are
We are a native people
Come here from near and far
Let this be our legacy
That we will always yearn to be free

Our history defines us
And makes our sacrifice worthwhile
We are the grand experiment
Fashioned in our own style
Let this be our legacy
That we will always defend liberty

A changing world surrounds us
And makes us no guarantees
But we will never falter
Or be brought to our knees
Let this be our legacy
That we will always stand up to tyranny

We are America

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Who Will Be There?

No child should be left behind
It's easier to say the words than to solve problems
And now you wonder is this a problem at all
And you legislate
In the time you are deciding
Time so precious, but not to you
In the time you are deciding
Who will be there to look out for the children?

No one should be deprived of their rights
It's easier to say the words than to solve problems
And now you wonder is this a problem at all
And you delegate
In the time you are deciding
Time so precious, but not to you
In the time you are deciding
Who will be there to look out for the disenfranchised?

No person should be above the law
It's easier to say the words than to solve problems
And now you wonder is this a problem at all
And you deliberate
In the time you are deciding
Time so precious, but not to you
In the time you are deciding
Who will be there to look out for the innocent?

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Whose Country Is This Anyway?

Whose congress is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
They're leanin' to the left and they're leanin' to the right
They're leanin' so far they're leanin' clean out of site
Whose congress is this anyway?

Whose lobbyists are these anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
They want to take from the poor and give to the rich
They're either rascals or scoundrels – I'm not sure which
Whose lobbyists are these anyway?

Whose government is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
If we the people is just a thing of the past
It'll all go downhill and it'll get there fast
Whose government is this anyway?

Whose country is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
I see blue states here and red states there
I'm lookin' hard but I'm not seein' purple anywhere
Whose country is this anyway?

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