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Warring Parties

Warring parties and all they do is fuss and fight
I just don't know how we can make this thing right
When one side's always right and the other's always wrong
And the two sides just can't seem to get along

I just don't know how we let it come to this
Nobody can see past their distrust and prejudice
All this conflict undermines everything
The worst outcomes just keep on happening

So many questions but no answers can be found
So many roadblocks that we just can't get around
So much lying that the truth just disappears
Too many people just giving in to their fears

Now it's got to where you just don't want to know
If an acquaintance is a friend or a foe
So you don't ask and you hope they don't tell
And if you never know then it's prob'ly just as well

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Give And Take

It's the bills or the rent when all the money is spent

One or the other goes unpaid

These choices we make and these chances we take

Have consequences that need to be weighed

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

Remember that you must do all you can do

To make sure that your dreams do not fade

When your chances are slim and your future looks dim

You understand that the burden is on you

You may be born to your fate but it's never too late

To push the limits of what you can do

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

When life is unfair you must never despair

Of the dreams that will never come true

To endorse or condemn the us versus them

Is a position that cannot be spun

To convict or condone is a choice you will own

After all your pretensions are undone

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

So do not complain of your sorrow and pain

It will do you no good in the long run

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True Intentions

You gerrymander safe districts
And now no one can be compromised
You gaslight incessantly
And now the truth has been minimized
Anyway the truth is hard to find
It isn't always just what most people say it is
And it does not need them, or you, to be true

Your true intentions cannot be disguised with spin
You suppress the vote relentlessly
It's the only way you can win
Anyway winning isn't everything
It's the only thing, or some people say it is
And they may soon be in for the fate they deserve

Your acquiescence will define you in the end
You can carry on deceitfully
And you no longer need to pretend
Anyway the truth of what you are
Will soon enough become apparent to everyone
And when the truth is told you will be undone

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Bring It Home

It's gonna be a mighty long time
Gettin' over all the damage that has been done
But never give up the fight
'Cause when it's over
What's wrong will have lost
And what's right will have won

We once were the shining city on the hill
With a promise to fulfill
We can make that promise still
Shine a light for the rest of the world to see
In the name of liberty
Now it's up to you and me
Bring it home

It's gonna be a mighty hard road
Gettin' back to where dignity and justice matter at all
But we know where we have to go
And that's anywhere decent people stand proud and tall

We once were the shining city on the hill
With a promise to fulfill
We can make that promise still
Shine a light for the rest of the world to see
In the name of liberty
Now it's up to you and me
Bring it home

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We Have Everything To Lose

If you're afraid you have good reason
We have everything to lose
We must be mindful of the burden
Now that the time has come to choose
Soon it will be too late to put an end to all this madness
Soon it will be too late to save us

We've got to turn them out
We've got to leave no doubt
And send a message that can't be mistaken
We've got to stand and fight
For what we know is right
Our belief in freedom and justice must not be forsaken

The voting rights wars are just starting
They will not rest until they've won
They want more than their fair share of power
They want the order of things undone
Theirs is a fading dream in the face of the future
They only care about prevailing

We've got to turn them out
We've got to leave no doubt
And send a message that can't be mistaken
We've got to stand and fight
For what we know is right
Our belief in freedom and justice must not be forsaken

The injustice is just beginning
The lying will never end
Their designs do not include you
They no longer need to pretend
Theirs is the mantle of the enemies of freedom
They will enslave you if you let them

We've got to turn them out
We've got to leave no doubt
And send a message that can't be mistaken
We've got to stand and fight
For what we know is right
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Big Dreams

Big changes are goin' down
You can't act like it isn't so
We're all gonna pay the price
If push comes to shove

Big adjustments to be made
To get back where we need to be
We're talkin' 'bout a reckoning
Is it hate or is it love?

It's time to reaffirm that we still believe in liberty
And we won't let anyone take our freedom away
If we could only speak as one
About the damage that has been done
We could make sure freedom lives to fight another day

Big money's been pavin' the way
You can't act like it isn't so
We're all gonna pay the price for our complacency

Big obstacles in our way
Resistance that you just can't get around
We're talkin' 'bout a government that allows us to be free

It's time to reaffirm that we still believe in liberty
And we won't let anyone take our freedom away
If we could only speak as one
About the damage that has been done
We could make sure freedom lives to fight another day

Big battles 'tween reds and blues
You can't act like it isn't so
We're all gonna pay the price if we can't get along

Big dreams from a bygone day slip away
And we're watchin' it happen
We're talkin' 'bout a legacy
Are we weak or are we strong?

It's time to reaffirm that we still believe in liberty
And we won't let anyone take our freedom away
If we could only speak as one
About the damage that has been done
We could make sure freedom lives to fight another day

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Two-Party System

In a two-party system there must be respect
Of each side for the other
And the will to reject demagoguery and rancor

In a two-party system built on compromise
There is no place for the ill will
Of those who despise everything the other side stands for

How can you not get this?
One party's mission is to rule and the other's is to govern
Don't be anybody's fool

When a two-party system cannot function as one
Then things that need doing keep on going undone
The cause and effect are well-understood

When a two-party system cannot serve our needs
Then one party or the other, based on their deeds,
Must reinvent itself for the common good

How can you not get this?
One party's mission is to rule and the other's is to govern
Don't be anybody's fool

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Turn Them Out

We'll only get one chance to make this right

Only one chance to turn it around

Before it becomes a case of too little too late

There's only one way to win this fight

Only one way the truth can be found

It still can be accomplished

But we can't afford to wait

We've got to turn them out

We've got to do it in a rout

And send the message loud and clear

We're not giving in to fear

We'll only get one chance to save the day

Only one chance to save us from descending

Before the whole of government is corrupted and defiled

There's only one way to have a say

Only one way this nightmare is ending

It still can be accomplished

And with the parties reconciled

But first we've got to turn them out
We've got to do it in a rout
And send the message loud and clear
We're not giving in to fear

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The Country That I Knew

The country that I knew was fairer
Before the scourge of power and greed
There was a common bond among us
Before the fact that we disagreed
Meant that we must be enemies from now on

The country that I knew was merciful
The goodness of her people abided
But now I'm not so sure exactly what we stand for
And how the future will be decided
And by who

The country that I knew was trusting
Before the disinformation age
There was respect for one another
Before the hatred and the rage
And I wonder will it be this way from now on

The country that I knew was merciful
The goodness of her people abided
But now I'm not so sure exactly what we stand for
And how the future will be decided
And by who

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This Train

Sometimes we lose our way
“We are better than this” we say
But we know the words ring hollow
And at such times what we need to set things right
Is someone to lead the fight
And provide us with an example we can follow

This train can take us back to what is true
This train will make a believer out of you
So get onboard and sing out strong
We’d best be movin’ this train along
‘Cause everything depends on if we do

Sometimes we tend to forget
That our work is not done yet
It will never be as long as the truth is maligned
And the truth of it is that you never really know
In what direction things will go
Until the purpose of a war on truth has been defined

This train can take us back to what is true
This train will make a believer out of you
So get onboard and sing out strong
We’d best be movin’ this train along
‘Cause everything depends on if we do

Sometimes we are called upon to rise
To the challenge of the lies
And become the agent of the changes we demand
To do less would be to give in to despair
And to admit we just don't care
That the time has come to make a stand

This train can take us back to what is true
This train will make a believer out of you
So get onboard and sing out strong
We'd best be movin' this train along
'Cause everything depends on if we do

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Forsaking The Dark Road

No one could have known that it would go this far
No one would have guessed that we could be where we are
You could say that justice is on the run
You could say the truth is just what's been spun
Everything depends on if we do what must be done

Forsaking the dark road into the future
Back to the truth and the light
Always believing that we can be better
And that we will be alright

No one could have known that wrongdoing would be so hard to miss
No one would have guessed that it could come to this
You could say there's evidence everywhere
You could say it's way past time to beware
Everything depends on if we even care

Forsaking the dark road into the future
Back to the truth and the light
Always believing that we can be better
And that we will be alright

No one could have known that pride would precede the fall
No one would have guessed that we could lose it all
You could say the danger is close at hand
You could say the line is drawn in the sand
Everything depends on if we take a stand

Forsaking the dark road into the future

Back to the truth and the light

Always believing that we can be better

And that we will be alright

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From The Stockade

My name is Alouishes

I am a country boy

I'm really kinda harmless

I don't like to destroy

I really love a country day and livin' ain't no chore

But you can tell by this here uniform it ain't that simple no more

I made it through the seventh grade

Then I had to earn a livin' for myself

And then I began to learn

Though nature doesn't stay indoors the country's in your mind

But you can tell by this here uniform I left the country behind

I was workin' in the general store for seven years and more

With one foot on the bottom shelf and the other out the door

I was lookin' for to marry if the right one came along

But you can tell by this here uniform I was lookin' just a little too long

I'm goin' back, I'm goin' back, I'm goin' back where I belong

I was called before the local board the day I turned eighteen
They told me I was just the type to become a marine
I told them I was just as glad to mind my little store
But you can tell by this here uniform it ain't that simple no more

I went down for my physical the day I turned nineteen
They said they had a raffle and I was number seventeen
I told them I was gladder than I ever could recall
But you can tell by this here uniform I didn't win the raffle at all

Goin' back, I'm goin' back, I'm goin' back where I belong

When I first arrived in Viet Nam there was hardly any sun
The rainy season followed me and rusted up my gun
I'd heard about the greenest hills and the people's misery
But you can tell by this here uniform I was much too busy to see

And then one day I found out what that war was all about
I had no mind to compromise, I had no heart to shout
I just threw away my rifle and I crawled out of the slime

But you can tell by this here uniform that I found out about crime

I'm goin' back, I'm goin' back, I'm goin' back where I belong

My name is Alouishes

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