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## **The Cut Your Hair Short So You Look Handsome Again Talking Blues**

Well I've been told I'm esoteric  
I've been told I'm metameric  
I've been told I'm out of season  
I fooled you all and joined the American Legion  
I'm a weekend member  
But during the week I'm still a freak

The government sent me away to schools  
Where a healthy laugh was overruled  
I'm still laughin' and the schools don't teach  
And the government's nothin' but a freakin' leach  
Unless of course you get to it first  
Which seems to be the idea

I was working toward self-production  
While the draft board was working for my induction  
And though neither one of us really won  
I ain't carryin' a freakin' gun  
At least not this time around  
They probably think I'm in Venice  
And I think they're a menace

New York City is fine for those  
Who don't mind people on their toes  
I swore that damn near half my hair  
Was just sewage from the New York air  
And I was stayin' indoors  
You turn on the fan and get a tan  
Sex for some is reproduction

For others still it's self-destruction  
Rationales – I've heard them all  
But everybody likes to have a ball  
Until and/or unless they're convinced otherwise  
In which case sperm is a germ

Well the proof and the pudding have collided  
But the link between them is unprovided  
And you wonder why kids don't learn to think  
When they're dropping everything but the kitchen sink  
But that's just the American way  
If it makes you uptight just turn out the light  
It'll be all right

A friend of mine facing reprobation  
Having been accused of titillation  
He told the judge he would gladly repent  
If he'd only tell him what the freakin' word meant  
And he got ten years for using obscene language in the courtroom  
And he looked so dirty the judge made it thirty

Law and order will surely prevail  
And even if the liberals fail  
They'll still boast that they're opposed to the draft  
Well, that ain't nothin'  
So was President Taft  
When there was no draft  
They just waved their flags and passed around fags  
Funkiest army you ever saw

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## **Move Over, Friend**

Move over, friend - get out of the way  
I can no longer tolerate delay  
And I haven't the time to be tellin' you nothin' but move  
Move over, friend - get out of the way  
I been sittin' here waitin' for today  
And I don't believe you're gonna kick me out of this groove  
So much sorrow you have shown me  
But I believe that I'll be free

Move over, friend - get out of my life  
You've been causin' the world a world of strife  
And I haven't the time to be tellin' you nothin' but go  
Move over, friend - get out of my life  
I've sharpened my senses like a knife  
And I don't believe you'll be heard if you go on sayin' no  
So much sorrow you have shown me  
But I believe that I'll be free

Move over, friend - get out of the road  
You're expecting another brief episode  
And I haven't the time to be tellin' you nothin' but now  
Move over, friend - get out of the road  
'Cause you ain't gonna carry this heavy load  
And I don't believe if you could that you'd even know how  
So much sorrow you have shown me  
But I believe that I'll be free

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## **Dreams Do Come True**

I believe I've been through what you're going through

I think I know the pain you feel

There is no comfort in speculating right and wrong

There is no way out but to heal

Promises made – promises broken

Dreams that will never come true

Promises kept – heartaches unspoken

This is my promise to you

Dreams do come true

I believe I've come to terms with the drama of life

I think I know the loser's part

There is no respite from memories that undermine you

There is no way into your heart

Promises made – promises broken

Dreams that will never come true

Promises kept – heartaches unspoken

This is my promise to you

Dreams do come true

I believe I've stumbled onto some sort of truth

I think I've known it all along

There is no solace in putting blame on someone else

There is no way but to be strong

Promises made – promises broken

Dreams that will never come true

Promises kept – heartaches unspoken

This is my promise to you

Dreams do come true

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Which party do you tend to favor?  
I like the ones with music and dance  
On which issues do you never waver?  
I let the wind blow and leave it to chance  
I'm a political rock  
I just don't get it  
I left all that behind and I don't regret it  
I read about it but I prefer to let it be

Whoa, sister, don't get romantic  
He's just an image in someone's mind  
Whoa, brother, don't get too pedantic  
Even though he went to Harvard and he's so hard to find  
He's a political rock  
A stone foundation  
A pillar of strength for our great nation  
Worthy of our respect  
And adoration, too

Plain speaking is just not the fashion  
Political correctness has won the day  
Oratory is losing its passion  
No one really has that much to say  
It's all political rock without the backbeat  
It's all I can do to keep it upbeat  
Let's party some more  
Send all the deadbeats home

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## **We Will Go On And On**

We've solved big problems before  
It wasn't for nothing  
We won't allow anyone to be our undoing  
The spirit that brought us here  
Will ever be the same  
We will go on and on  
That is our way

We've enjoyed such a beautiful ride  
Our hearts have not lied to us  
What we have has to be earned  
This much we have learned by now  
The spirit that brought us here  
Will ever be the same  
We will go on and on  
How else could it be?

If these simple words of love are considered above all else  
Then surely you will see what you mean to me can never change  
The spirit that brought us here  
Will ever be the same  
We will go on and on  
I will always love you

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## **We Remember**

We remember what the elders said  
Serve the life force and honor the dead  
Walk in silence  
Live in harmony  
Take good counsel from the bending tree

We are warriors  
We must fight  
We will not be afraid  
We will avenge them  
Their memory will never fade  
Our children of sorrow  
Our women of the sky  
We are warriors  
It is a good day to die

Now the thunder rules over the land  
Now the mountains turn to sand  
Now the darkness rules over the dawn  
Now the buffalo is gone

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## **The Other's Inside**

When the truths of science are widely disbelieved  
We are left to define truth as what is perceived  
In truth, though it may seem there is no truth anymore,  
Truth is an ocean and we are the shore

When political correctness and the truth disagree  
We are too often compromised in the name of liberty  
In truth two points of view always apply  
One is the truth and the other is a lie

If we let everything that divides us hold sway  
Then the enemies of truth will return us to yesterday  
In truth we must strive to move forward as one  
Or we will have lost and they will have won

If we can maintain our courage as threats become known  
Then our fears cannot rule us and our enemies will be overthrown  
In truth there are two threats that abide  
One is our enemies and the other's inside

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## **Which Way We Go**

Ill-informed decisions get you and me nowhere at all  
This much confusion can't be good  
Consequences are part of the bargain  
This must be clearly understood  
Regardless of what you intend  
You reap what you sow in the end

All this commotion over whose side will win the day  
The other side is always wrong  
It's so divisive and so counterproductive  
Everyone is so headstrong  
What we have in common gets lost  
We ignore this danger at our great cost

Compromises are preferable to doing nothing  
At least there's something getting done  
Insincerity and closed-minded points of view  
Don't do much good for anyone  
Who's to say which way we go?  
Only after we've gone will we know

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## **Is This The New American Way?**

You want only the most worthy to run your government  
Then you poke and you prod 'til you can bring them down  
And you will not relent  
Is this the new American way?  
Who the hell would not be undone by your pious virtue?

You want a smoke-free workplace  
Then you ban smoking outside  
Your sin taxes are regressive  
When will common sense abide?  
Is this the new American way?  
What the hell price has to be paid to be different from you?

You want to honor the law of the land  
Then you maintain that some laws should be dismissed out of hand  
Is this the new American way?  
When the hell did the moral judgements you make become the measure of what's true?

You want liberty and justice for everyone  
Then you decide who's worthy and whose dreams will be undone  
Is this the new American way?  
Where the hell will you take this crusade over what people should and shouldn't do?

You want your vacation and your bonuses and your breaks and your double overtime pay  
Then you collect unemployment for as long as you may  
Is this the new American way?  
Why the hell would anyone want to be a working man when they could be like you?

You want to continue to spend lavishly

Then you discount the burden on our posterity

Is this the new American way?

How the hell is all this gonna work out when the bill comes due?

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## **It's Hard**

When we consider the legacy that we must never disown  
We must remember that in the end we must all stand alone  
It's hard to understand what we must do  
It's hard to decide what is right and true

We are the guardians of the planet  
On this much we can agree  
It is past time to move forward with a new strategy  
But it's hard to come to terms with resistance to change  
And it's hard to trade ideas in a poisoned exchange

We have been made complacent by technology  
Our devices now threaten our humanity  
It's hard to develop yourself and to strive  
It's hard to be thorough about being alive

We are caught up in a running feud that cannot be maintained  
On the one side obstruction and on the other free reign  
It's hard to sympathize with either view  
It's hard to keep faith in what we must do

Life is a struggle between the haves and have-nots  
With a handful of exceptions we are born to our lots  
And it's hard to be one of life's dispossessed  
It's hard to press on through the hopelessness

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## **Momentum**

First down and a mile to go  
No letting up now  
It's time to show what we're made of  
What are you afraid of?  
If you're not up for this you probably already know  
But momentum is a beautiful thing  
Remember that momentum can swing

Getting started is the hardest part  
Getting behind it with all your heart  
Is the sure way to a winning way  
You need to know what you're all about right from the start  
And momentum is a beautiful thing  
Remember that momentum can swing

We're way ahead and we'll be hard to beat  
There's no way we go down in defeat  
If we just keep on keepin' on  
I guess it's true that history tends to repeat  
Momentum is a beautiful thing  
Remember that momentum can swing

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## **So Far Behind**

Window shopping in the rain  
Anything to ease the pain  
You pass the time that passes you  
You can't believe that this is true  
You've been laid off  
Now what can you do?  
There are no avenues to pursue  
You look and look but you cannot find  
All the bills are so far behind

You can't go on for very long  
It's not a case of right or wrong  
It's just a struggle to survive  
A fight to keep your dreams alive  
You are jobless  
What can you do?  
You never thought this could happen to you  
You look and look but you cannot find  
All the bills are so far behind

A job is all you want and need  
You're afraid you know where this will lead  
Maybe losing everything and empty promises echoing  
You are desperate  
What can you do?  
So much danger and chances so few  
You look and look but you cannot find  
All the bills are so far behind

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## **You'll Be Gone**

I'm so tired  
I'm so tired of waiting  
I'm so tired of anticipating a change that never comes  
A promise told  
And a dream that lingers on as our lives unfold

I'm so tired  
I'm so tired of trying  
I'm so tired  
I'm so tired of denying that the truth is as it seems  
That I've been deceived  
And that I am losing faith in what I believed

I'm so tired  
I'm so tired of sinking  
I'm so tired  
I'm so tired of thinking if I don't give up this fight  
And I carry on  
That no sooner I reach you  
You will be gone  
You'll be gone

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## Succession

Succession is the key to understanding the order of all things  
As the past yields to the future  
And all the future brings  
So the young will grow old  
And so each new season holds some new promise  
And so the night becomes day  
There is no other way that it can be

The old yields to the new  
That's just the way of it  
Only a fool would believe he could somehow rise above it  
Way leads on to way  
And there is no more today when it's tomorrow  
You cannot elect to ignore the effect of succession

I've carried my share of the load for a long while  
I've fought the good fight many times  
Always in my own style  
You can take it from here  
Don't give in to your fear  
You'll do just fine  
Now it's all up to you  
So whatever you do  
Do it big time

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