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Acknowledgements

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There would be no songbook without them. If I have missed anyone, please let me know and we will include you in the next edition.

A very special thank you goes to Antifa, who provided extensive help in collecting these songs. I couldn't have done all this without you, Antifa.

Finally, to Yves Smith, our host, who created and runs Naked Capitalism. None of us would be here without her.

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Dedication

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These volumes are dedicated to our hosts, Yves Smith, Lambert Strether, and the rest of the Naked Capitalism staff who make it the best web site on the internet.

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Preface

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hy have a Naked Capitalism songbook? I've been reading Naked Capitalism for about 15 years since the Great Financial Crash motivated me to get back into economics and finance, for which I got my bachelor's degree.

I found NC through Pragmatic Capitalism or Mike Norman's site, can't remember which, but it was one of the best discoveries of my life.

Great posts, a commentariat that taught me as much as the original post, and some incredibly talented poets/songwriters made Naked Capitalism my go-to web site every morning while drinking my coffee.

One of the great treats in reading NC is the incredibly creative songs that various commentators post.

In September, 2022, it occurred to me that other folks might enjoy a compendium of the songs that had been published in comments.

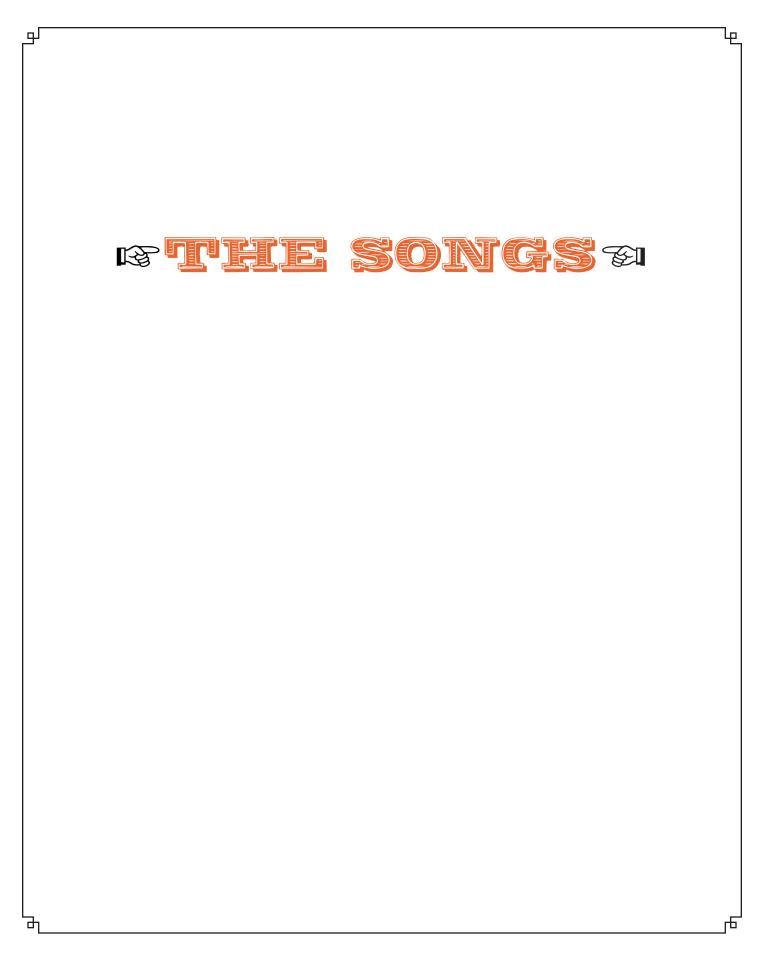
The NC songwriters are amazingly creative. Their songs cover topics from the ridiculous to the sublime, but they mostly focus on the latest news in politics, economics, and finance in keeping with the focus of NC.

I hope everyone enjoys this songbook as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

—John Zelnicker

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P.S. If you find any typos or errors, please email them to: ncsongbook@protonmail.com. Include "Songbook," volume, page number in the subject line. Thank you!



"They packed my bags last night pre-flight..."

Posted: December 18, 2022 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Rocket Man" (Royal Festival Hall, London 1972) by Elton John

They packed my bags last night pre-flight Zero hour 9:00 a.m. And if I get my meds I'm gonna be high As a kite by then

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I miss League of Legends so much I miss my vegan life It's lonely in a confined space On such a timeless flight

And I think it's gonna be a long, long time 'Til extradition brings me 'round again to find I'm not the man politicians think I am at home Oh, no, no, no I'm a talk it man Talk it man, burning out the spoils system here alone

And I think it's gonna be a long, long time 'Til extradition brings me 'round again to find I'm not the man politicians think I am at home Oh, no, no, no I'm a talk it man Talk it man, burning out the spoils system here alone

The cloud ain't the kind of place to raise your kids In fact it's connected to hell And there's no one there to raise them If you did

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And all this blockchain science I don't understand It's just my job five days a week A Nassau man A Nassau man

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And I think it's gonna be a long, long time 'Til extradition brings me 'round again to find I'm not the man politicians think I am at home Oh, no, no, no I'm a Nassau man Nassau man, burning out the spoils system here alone

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More Crimea Dreamin'

Posted: December 19, 2022 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "California Dreamin" by The Mamas and Papas

e're running out of rounds (running out of rounds)
With no more on the way (no more on the way)
We can't retrieve our dead (can't retrieve our dead)
They freeze where they lay (freeze right where they lay)
The Russians send up drones (Russians send up drones)
And we all hide away (we all hide away)
More Crimea Dreamin' (More Crimea Dreamin')
On such a winter's day

Black water in our trench That never goes away The puddles serve as our latrine (*serve as our latrine*) They have a strong bouquet (*such a strong bouquet*) You know the frostbite took my toes (*frostbite took my toes*) I won't be walking away (*I can't walk away*) More Crimea Dreamin' (*More Crimea Dreamin*') On such a winter's day

(musical interlude)

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We dig in this black dirt (*dig in this black dirt*) This dirt is where we'll stay (*this is where we'll stay*) The ground's getting hard (*ground is getting hard*) My courage slips away (*courage slips away*) If there were no blockers (*if there were no blockers*) I could leave today (*I could leave today*) More Crimea Dreamin' (*More Crimea Dreamin*') On such a winter's day

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"In-A-Gato-Da-Feeding, ma'am..."

Posted: December 20, 2022 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" by Iron Butterfly

In-A-Gato-Da-Feeding, ma'am, Don't you know that I can arrest you? In-A-Gato-Da-Feeding them Friskies, Don't you know that I'll handcuff too?

Oh, won't you come with me And give me your hands?

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Oh, won't you come with me And walk off this land?

Please give me your hands!

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"You better watch out...

Posted: December 21, 2022 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" by Harry Reser

You better watch out You better not cry You better not pout I'm telling you why Zelensky is coming to town

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He's making a must have munitions list He's checking it twice He's gonna find out who's gonna pay the price Zelensky is coming to town

You see him when you're sleeping And far too much when you're awake He knows you're against bad, and for good So be good for goodness sake

You better watch out You better not cry You better put out I'm telling you why 'Cause Zelensky is coming to town

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"All the Pols come into Congress ..."

Posted: December 22, 2022 By **Sardonia** Inspiration: "Private Dancer" by Tina Turner

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Zelensky addresses Congress. This is his song:

Il the Pols come into Congress And these Pols are all the same Sporting idol-worship faces So CNN will say their names You don't think of them as human You don't think of them at all You keep your mind on the money And your escape plan, come the Fall

I'm your private dancer A dancer for money I'll do what you want me to do I'm your proxy fighter Who hides from the action While conscripts get turned into glue

I want to stash a zillion dollars And bathe myself in accolades Hidden safely from the Azovs My sponsors are my barricades Raytheon, Northrop and Lockheed I know they'll take good care of me Though Ukraine will soon be rubble I'm sure my Masters will always see....

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I'm their private dancer A dancer for money I'll do what they want me to do I'm their proxy fighter Who hides from the action While conscripts get turned into glue

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I'm their private dancer A dancer for money I'll do what they want me to do I'm their proxy fighter Who hides from the action I'll sell T-shirts on EBay too!

Euros or dollars A Nobel Prize will do nicely, thank you Let me loosen up your collars You're so hot cuz I gave you Cold War Two

I'm your private dancer A dancer for money I'll do what you want me to do I'm your proxy fighter Who hides from the action While conscripts get turned into glue

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"There's a smart-aleck man on a light blue screen..."

Posted: December 22, 2022 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Green Shirt" by Elvis Costello

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There's a smart-aleck man on a light blue screen Who came into my house last night And he takes all the hosannas And he turns them into pleas for more might But you tease, and you flirt And you always have on your green shirt You can help yourself & somebody's gonna get it

Better cut off any non-identifying label Before they put you on accounts payable

'Cause somewhere in the DC Quisling Clinic There's an accountant writing checks this minute He's beholden to the party line He's leaving the amount blank The money given away, yours & mine

But you tease, and you flirt...

Never said he was anything other than a proxy Never said some might call him a fiscal doxy Everybody is under suspicion But you don't wanna hear about that

'Cause you tease, and you flirt...

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Better send a begging letter to JRB administration Ukraine's needs leaves much for imagination

You tease, and you flirt...

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You can help yourself & somebody's gonna get it You can help yourself & somebody's gonna get it

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"Twas the night before Christmas..."

Posted: December 24, 2022 By Wukchumni

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was the night before Christmas, when all through the house No movement was stirring, no one using a mouse The votes were added up with care In hopes that St. Kevin soon would be there

The Congressmen were nestled all snug, Team Red While visions of drawn out drama danced in their heads And the Freedom Caucus in their disbelief not wanting to back Had issues settling for a ho-hum political hack

When after the new year there arose such a clatter I sprang to my laptop to see what was the matter Away to the screen I flew like a flash Tore open new windows, did they do something rash?

The sudden departure of the new-fallen Pelosi Gave the luster of imprimatur to objects below following closely When, what to my wondering eyes should appear But the Freedom Caucus, bearing their usual fear

With a retired wrestling coach, so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Jim Jordan dashing the pick More rapid than eagles his coursers they came And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name

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"Now, Boebert! now, Gaetz! now, Gibbs and Norman! On, Goode! on Gosar! on, Biggs and Rosendale! To the top of the dais! to the top of the Congress hall Now dash away Kevin! dash away! dash away all!"

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"Another house arrest night and I ain't got nobody..."

Posted: December 28, 2022 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Another Saturday Night" by Sam Cooke

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nother house arrest night and I ain't got nobody I got some money 'cause I just made bail Now how I wish I had someone to talk to I'm in an awful way

I got in trouble a month ago, I seen a lotta grief since then If I could get 'em I could fleece 'em but now FTX is done in That's why I'm in the shape I'm in

Here another house arrest night and I ain't got nobody I got some money 'cause I just made bail Now how I wish I had someone to talk to I'm in an awful way

Now an author fella met me who had a reputation just fine Instead of being my deliverance, he told me I had a resemblance To a cat named Ponzi once upon a time

Here's another house arrest night and I ain't got nobody I got some money 'cause I just made bail Now how I wish I had someone to talk to I'm in an awful way

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Here it is another weekend and I ain't got nobody Man if I was back home in Nassau I'd be swindling A few clicks gets the alms Aww yeah Listen to me huh

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It's hard on a fella, when the game goes aground If I don't find me a cash-test-dummy to help me hide my money I'm gonna have to hang out indefinitely in this town

Here it's another house arrest night and I ain't got nobody I got some money 'cause I just made bail Now how I wish I had someone to talk to I'm in an awful way (Ellison sings)

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"Asked the general where he wanted to be..."

Posted: December 30, 2022 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Drive My Car" by The Beatles

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sked the general where he wanted to be He said, *"Bagram, make it snappy"* I want to be famous, a star in DC But I can pad my *bona fides* in between

He said "Buttigieg you can drive my car" Yes, I'm gonna be a star "Buttigieg, you can drive my car And maybe I'll promote you"

I told the general that my prospects were good And he said, "Buttigieg, it's understood Working for peanuts is all very fine But it'll make you seem like you did military time"

Buttigieg, you can drive my car Yes, I'm gonna be a star Buttigieg, you can drive my car And maybe I'll promote you

Beep beep'm beep beep yeah

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"Thanks for the times that you've given me...

Posted: January 4, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Three Times A Lady" by Commodores

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The memories are all in my mind And now that you've come to the end thanks to the caucus There's something I must say out loud

You're once, twice, three times a loser And I love you Yes, you're once, twice, three times a loser And I love you I love you

When the Pachyderms aren't together, the moments I cherish With every beat of my heart To diss you, to hold you in contempt, to not need you There's 16 votes keeping you apart

You're once, twice, three times a loser And I love you I love you

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"Now you say you're coming..."

Posted: January 5, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Cry Me A River" by Arthur Hamilton, sung by Julie London

Well, you can cry me a river, cry me an atmospheric river I cried a river over the lack of you

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Now you say you're sorry For bein' so untrue Well, you can cry me a river, cry me an atmospheric river I cried a river over the lack of you

You drove me, nearly drove me out of my head While you hardly shed a tear Remember, I remember all that drought dread Told me common cycles were too plebeian Told me you were through with me and Now you say you'll drench me Well, just to prove you do Come on and cry me a river, cry me an atmospheric river I cried a river over the lack of you

I cried a river over the lack of you I cried a river over the lack of you I cried a river over the lack of you

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"Kevin can wait..."

Posted: January 6, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Heaven Can Wait" by Meatloaf

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evin can wait And the band of Freedom wrapped up another loss Will take him through the lonely night Through the cold of the day And I know, I know Kevin can wait And all the GOP whackjobs come here just to zing it, the Trump joss And the Caucus ain't gonna make it fly Without pain, without fear

Give me all of your Speaker dreams And then go alone on your way Give me all of your players talking dismay And he'll turn another vote into the same score on a different day He got a taste of paradise He's never gonna let it slip away He got a taste of paradise It's all he really needs to make another vote Just like a child again, another revoke

Kevin can wait And all he's got is time until the end of time He won't look back He won't look back Let somebody else shine

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And I know that he'll soon be released But I don't know to where And nobody's gonna tell me now And I don't really care. No, no, no He got a taste of paradise That's all he really needed to make him stay He got a taste of paradise If he had it any sooner you know, say in 2015 You know he never would have to have run today

Kevin can wait And all he's got is time until the end of time He won't look back He won't look back Let somebody else shine

Kevin can wait Kevin can wait I won't look back I won't look back Let the dais shine Let the dais shine

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"He blows through billions with his crypto cons..."

Posted: January 6, 2023 By ChrisFromGA

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Perhaps 2023 will be the year of de-globalization?

(New wave, reggae beat)

e blows through billions with his crypto cons None of his friends know right from wrong You thought your bitcoin was there, and now it is gone! You must de-globalize yourself!

Zelensky wears his clown uniform Have to send more fiat just to keep him warm Because endless war is the social norm You must de-globalize yourself!

De-globalize yourself, De-globalize yourself De-globalize yourself, De-globalize yourself!

I live in a cashless society Tracked by ads that follow me There must be a reason that I can't see. (you must de-globalize yourself!)

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Xi just formed the Eurasian front He always was a commie punk He's going to trade in Yuan with those OPEC skunks! He will de-dollarize himself!

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"Thanks for the memory..."

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Posted: January 21, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Thanks for The Memory" by Frank Sinatra

Thanks for the memory Of things I can't forget, Panzers in Paris—you bet That wond'rous week in El Alamein and of course Kursk How lucky I was

And thanks for the memory Of Heavy metal in Dunkirk by the sea, down and out in Kasserine We had a pad in London but they couldn't get to me How cozy it was

Now since pre-67 border breakup I wake up Alone on a gray morning-after I long for the sound of Dayan's laughter And then I see the laugh's on me

But, thanks for the memory Of every video from Desert Storm a thrill, I've been through the mill I've lived a lot and learned a lot, you loved me not and still I miss you not so much

Thanks for the memory Of how you used to be adversary free That was before suicide drones came for thee How do you plan on stopping them, O.G.?

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Battle Hymn Of The Neocons

Posted: January 21, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe

Ine eyes have seen the glory of a mighty Panzer horde Just as many Leopard battle tanks as Berlin can afford Rolling east to Mother Russia where our oil and gas are stored With *Lebensraum* for all...

Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles! Whatever Reich you want to call us! We'll reach the Volga just like Paulus! With Lebensraum for all...

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I have seen a way to stop the West from deficit collapse I have drawn big lines and arrows on Zelensky's battle maps I have marked our road to destiny, and victory, perhaps With *Lebensraum* for all...

Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles! Whatever Reich you want to call us! We'll reach the Volga just like Paulus! With Lebensraum for all...

There are mobs of German citizens with not enough to eat Families huddled in their houses burning furniture for heat Just think of how they'll cheer when we lay Russia at their feet With *Lebensraum* for all...

Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles! Whatever Reich you want to call us! We'll reach the Volga just like Paulus! With Lebensraum for all...

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Let us march unto the Urals and then unto the Arctic Sea We shall rid the world of Russians then transgender you and me Only when we all own nothing can the Davos crew live free With *Lebensraum* for all...

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In This World They Are the Owners

Posted: January 22, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "The Times They Are A Changin" by Bob Dylan

F or fifty-two years now the Davos crowd meets The brightest and best, the financial elites And they wander around these quaint Swiss village streets With lots of smiling and waving They're the masters of men and the best of tax cheats In this world they are the owners

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The Davos crowd gathers here time and again Every year richer, the wisest of men, They make pompous pronouncements and then say Amen Though you may find fault with their framing But you won't be invited onto CNN In this world they are the owners

They bring cocaine and pills and well-aged alcohol Their orgies and parties are just off the wall Two grand for a consort? They don't blink at all Because human beings are playthings They can go Medieval or Neanderthal In this world they are the owners

Someday we'll own nothing but rich people will And each time we breathe they will ring up the till Subscriptions and taxes will bleed us until The streets are full of folks ragin' But none shall be heard till they settle their bill In this world they are the owners

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You can get with the program or be an outcast Our world is changing so hard and so fast The end of all history's coming at last But it's all in their imagination They want us to worship the loot they've amassed In this world they are the owners

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Zelensky's Lament

Posted: January 27, 2023 By[°]Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Wandrin' Star" as sung by Lee Marvin

I was born under a wandrin' star God knows how I ever got this far Ihor Kolomoisky Made me Ukraine's Czar But things are getting dicey now so it's time to *au revoir*

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I was born under a wandrin' star I've stashed about a Billion in some banks in Panama I saw it and I took it so it's mine by Pirate Law I've got a body double in my private retinue When Azov comes to shoot me—we'll switcheroo! I've been warned not to start my own car I was born under a wandrin' star

Do I know where Hell is? Hell is in Ukraine! Heaven is a tropical island with buckets of cocaine I was born under a wandrin' star A wandrin' wandrin' star

I've got stacks of blackmail papers, I don't trust the CIA Like Azov and the British they want me to go away I dread that Nuland woman she's my own Morgan le Fay I'm sure that Satan himself is her protege I was born under a wandrin' star I was born under a wandrin' star ф

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When I reach Miami tie me to a tree Or else I'll get to wandrin' and I'll end up in DC I was born under a wandrin' star A wandrin' wandrin' star

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Tanks and Artillery

Posted: February 1, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Thanks for the Memory" by Frank Sinatra

The tools of modern war Huge guns you can't ignore They boom and shriek on paths oblique Producing blood and gore *Mein Gott!* What a mess!

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Tanks and artillery So sorry to report Ukraine is running short They're desperate for boomsticks And logistical support The West must acquiesce!

Ukraine's gonna break up We'll wake up Forlorn on the gray morning after The whole world ringing with laughter Howling with glee And hyperbole

But it's tanks and artillery Ukraine needs at this hour And E-lek-trickle power Their grid is shot, it costs a lot This war is going sour In the cold and snow

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Send tanks and artillery! Some more hair of the dog More lipstick on the hog We've sent them every item In our weapons catalog Where it went we don't know

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Tanks and artillery Zelensky's paranoid He'll soon be unemployed Ukraine will look like it was Flattened by an asteroid Or a big Russian bear

It's all exponential decay How it went wrong we may never know But we put on a hell of a show The whole world is watching it, too

Tanks and artillery Coordinates on maps It's just like shooting craps The best laid plans of you and I Went to Ukraine to die Oh well... let's do lunch!

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Saigon

Posted: February 3, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" by Bing Crosby

If t's beginning to look a lot like Saigon All across Ukraine When you hear choppers up on the roof That's all you will need as proof That everything has finally gone to Hell

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It's beginning to look a lot like failure Things that weren't planned for Like two hundred thousand men Who aren't coming home again To their own front door

We played it fast and loose and extremely obtuse And we always doubled down Now it's time to take stock, *ipso facto, post hoc* And get our butts out of town We mustn't be late to close the gate then watch the locals drown!

It's beginning to look a lot like Kabul A schizoid tornado Go round up all our personnel It's time for our big farewell There's too much blood on all this frozen snow

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It's beginning to look a lot like Ukraine Won't survive beyond This war that the Russians bring— That's already happening And we can't respond

(musical interlude)

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It's beginning to look a lot like Saigon Another splendid little war But it's looking like Dien Bien Phu And there's nothing we can do There'll be no encore

What was all this for?

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See comments at Naked Capitalism.

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"We're gonna sell some drones today..."

Posted: February 3, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: to the tune of "Twistin' by the Pool" by Dire Straits

To add my own attempt at parody, perhaps best described as doggerel:

e're gonna sell some drones today, yeah! Gonna bomb a village from a small chalet Proxy wars—magnifico! You know the cost of killing's so low

Yeah! (Yeah) It's gonna be so neat Dance! (Dance) to the beltway beat Yeah! (Yeah) it's gonna be so cool Grifting by the, just a-grifting' by the, By the pool

Sitting' in a small cafe, yeah Swing-swing-swinging with defense stock plays Wanna see a movie? Catch a show Insider trading like a mofo!

(repeat chorus)

(interlude)

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And we can spread misinformation Lyin' all about inflation No dictators gonna be out of reach Send a car bomb, from the beach From the beach, from the beach, from the beach! A one, a two... anna two a three a four a boom!

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"1, 2, 3, 4…"

Posted: February 3, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "I Saw Her Standing There" by The Beatles

An oldie but a goodie from the 17th year of the war...

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Well the war was now seventeen You know what I mean And the way it looked Was way beyond repair

So how could we depart & have conflict with another Oh, when KBR had standing there Well Halliburton looked at fees And they, they could see That before too long They'd fall in love de rigueur They wouldn't dalliance with another Oh, when they had standing there

Well war profits went boom When we crossed into the 'stan box room And they held their hands out every time

Oh they danced through the night And they held their money tight And before too long They fell in love with war

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Now why be a sutler with another Oh, when they had standing there Well the war profits went boom When we crossed that Rubicon into doom And they held their hands out each time

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Oh they danced through the night And they held onto to manna tight And before too long They fell in love with war Now why have a dalliance with another Oh, when they have standing there Oh, since they have standing there Yeah, well as long as they have standing there

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"Would the Gang of Four hide in my beautiful balloon..."

Posted: February 3, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Up, Up and Away" by The 5th Dimension

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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy on Thursday night called for a briefing of the "Gang of Eight"—the group of lawmakers charged with reviewing the nation's most sensitive intelligence information—following reports of a Chinese spy balloon flying over Montana.

"China's brazen disregard for U.S. sovereignty is a destabilizing action that must be addressed, and President Biden cannot be silent," McCarthy tweeted. "I am requesting a Gang of Eight briefing."

Would the Gang of Four hide in my beautiful balloon Would you like to ride in my beautiful balloon We could float among the red states together, you and I For we can fly, we can fly

Up, up and away My beautiful, my beautiful balloon

The world's a nicer place in my beautiful balloon It wears a nicer face in my beautiful balloon We can do surveillance and sail along the silver sky For we can fly, we can fly

Up, up and away My beautiful, my beautiful balloon

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Suspended under a light canopy We'll use GPS to guide us If by some chance you find something a satellite can't see We'll find a cloud to hide us We'll keep the earth below us

Intrigue is waiting there in my beautiful balloon Way up in the air in my beautiful balloon If it never lands we'll chase your dream across the sky For we can, verify

Up, up and away My beautiful, my beautiful balloon CCP balloon Up, up, and away

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Doom and Gloom

Posted: February 6, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "99 Luftballons" as performed by Nena

The news is full of bloody tales An airplane crash a train derails More news online if you should want More school kids shot we're nonchalant We sell long guns to lunatics And say it's about politics I'll stay in bed here in my room Wallowing in Doom and Gloom!

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The sun is up and I should go They'll miss me at the job you know But I left school with tons of debt Now I live in a kitchenette I work for wages day by day It's pretend work for pretend pay I'll sell my hours from womb to tomb My future looks like Doom and Gloom!

Perhaps I'll go live in a van Down by the river if I can Landlord's going to raise the rent And I don't have a car or tent I dumpster dive to stay alive Do what I must just to survive With years of college you'd assume I'd have more now than Doom and Gloom!

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A day in bed to think things through To figure out what I can do Hitchhike to another state Though stranger danger lies in wait A nickel dime and work regime That's the American dream We sell our lives to just consume We work so hard for Doom and Gloom!

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We work so hard for Doom and Gloom!

We work so hard for Doom and Gloom!

To work for wages brings fatigue It's no way to hit the big league You'll never own a house or yacht Another day is all you've got You must arrange a boss to buy The hours you have before you die It's OK to stay in your room Wallowing in Gloom and Doom!

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Twelve Miles High

Posted: February 7, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Eight Miles High" by The Byrds

Welve miles high Till it was brought down A shot that will Surely rebound The USA Had a nervous breakdown Chased a balloon Like it's Satan's Hellhound

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People can Read between the lines Most think that We're out of our minds Outer space Has certain guidelines Start a war there And the whole place unwinds

A war in space Against the Chinese Such war spreads like An infectious disease Whose wise plan And whose expertise Tells us we can Just do as we please?

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"It was a teenage REITwreck and the old folks wished it well ..."

Posted: February 7, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: Sung to the tune of "You Never Can Tell" by Chuck Berry:

*Hey chat***GPT**—*can you do better than this? Write me a parody of the current state of the stock market. Here is mine:*

I t was a teenage REIT-wreck and the old folks wished it well You could see all the traders truly loved the high-yielding smell And now the young yield chasers and fools have rung the closing bell

C'est la vie said the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell!

They diversified to apartments With a two-handle coupon sale The balance sheet was crammed With CRE and empty cans of ale But when the pump found legs The little money comin' worked out well

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C'est la vie said the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell!

They had a pivot-gasm Boy did they let it blast! 700 Dow handles, reddit pumps and all that jazz But when the Dow went down The rapid tempo of the pumping fell

C'est la vie said the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell!

They bought a souped up meme stock Was a left for dead .53 (cents per share) And rode it down to the basement In a Chapter 7 bankruptcy It was there where the judge said: The assets don't match liabilities

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C'est la vie said the the old folks, it goes to show you never can tell!

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We Have to Try

Posted: February 8, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "A Summer Song" by Chad and Jeremy

> There is a clique of crazy neocons atop our Federal government, and a claque of their war hawk followers atop the **EU** and **USA**, and infesting many think tanks and media outlets. This is their anthem:

And hope they die

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We Plan to Balkanize the place Dispensing with the Slavic race And profit thereby

They're Such an ethnic *bouillabaisse* And we could use the *living space* We Have To Try

They say our empire has to end some day Hegemons must fall But doncha know we're Exceptional The rules apply to you We aren't planning to collapse And we fight for scraps

We're insane We like eminent domain We like some slick legerdemain And we'll come at you

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They say our empire has to end some day Hegemons must fall But doncha know we're Exceptional The rules apply to you We aren't planning to collapse And we fight for scraps

Watch our *Reich* Destroy whatever we dislike A quick decapitation strike We Have To Try

We Have To Try...

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"I hear the agent for the seven deadly sins..."

Posted: February 9, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "It Never Rains" by Dire Straits

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I hear the agent for the seven deadly sins And a NATO arming binge came to call on you The bigger they are babe The harder they fall on you And we're always the same we persevere On the same old pleasure ground Oh and it never rains around here The money comes pouring down

You had no more volunteers So you got war profiteers for to help you out With friends like that babe Good friends you had to do without And now Putin's taken out the chains and the gears From off your grid merry-go-round Oh and it never rains around here The money comes pouring down

And our new Romeo Wasn't a stand up comedian when he let us down See the faster they are babe The faster they get manna out of DC town Leaving made up claims and the tears Of a clown Yes and it never rains around here The money comes pouring down

Oh you were just a roller coaster memory I don't know why we were even passing through ф

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We saw you making a date with destiny When we came around here asking after you In the shadow of the wheel of fortune You're busy trying to build your fame You say 'I may be guilty yeah that may be true But I'd be lying if I said I was to blame See we could have been a major contender We got mo money mo breaks' You've got a list of all the major offenses You got a list of all their major mistakes And he's just standing on the shadows Yes and you smile that come-on smile Oh I can still hear you say as clear as the day 'I'd like to make it worth your while'

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Ah but it's a sad reminder When your proxy has blown through all the money sent And all you've got to give him Is the use of your propaganda tent Yes and that's all that remains of the year's money Spent on artillery rounds And it never rains around here Well the money comes pouring down

Now you know what they say about beggars You can't complain about the rules You know what they say about beggars You know who's the first to blame his tools We never gave a damn about who we fucked up And leave lying bleeding on the ground You screw people over to your way of tinkering Because we thought that we were never coming down And he takes you out in vaudeville valley With his green shirt smothering your screens And he takes you down a 1-way alley In the capital city of broken dreams

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Whooo Blew the Nord Stream?

Posted: February 10, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Hey, Mr. Spaceman" by The Byrds

B ack in September those pipelines went BOOM Now Europe's methane will never resume No explanation was ever allowed But some clowns in DC are proud

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Now Seymour Hersh has brought us the facts The faces behind these warmonging acts These minions worked for our old patriarch They kept Congress in the dark

Whooo blew the Nord Stream? All these scofflaws work for us We never got to discuss Whooo blew the Nord Stream? Our whole country has been taken for a ride

Only our Congress can say we're at war The President's creeps caused a global uproar A terrorist act we would never go for A crime we'll regret for sure

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"Just about a year ago...

Posted: February 10, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Lodi" by Creedence Clearwater Revival

U ust about a year ago We set out on the road Seekin' fame and fortune Lookin' for a pot of gold Things got bad and things got worse I guess you will know the tune Oh Lord, stuck in lock & load again

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Rode in on the Abrams We'll be walkin' out if we go We was just passin' through Must weigh 55 tons or more Ukraine ran out of time and money Looks like they took my DC friends Oh Lord, we're stuck in lock & load again

The man from Kiev fed the magazine Said winning was on the way Somewhere in lost grid connections He ran out of funds to pay He came into town, a stand up joker Looks like our plans fell through Oh Lord, stuck in lock & load again Ŀр

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If I only had a dollar For ev'ry shell we've slung Ev'ry time I've had to pay While people in DC sat there power drunk You know, I'd catch the next Acela corridor train Back to where I live Oh Lord, I'm stuck in lock & load again Oh Lord, I'm stuck in lock & load again

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Wokey Wokey

Posted: February 13, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Dominique" by Jeanne-Paul Marie Deckers

E veryone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

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Two and two make five you know If you've studied your Foucault Social rules all looked like power From his ivory high tower

Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

Everybody scream and yell There are myths we must dispel Like biology and sex And your chromosomal specs

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Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

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If a corporate job's your thing There's a talent you must bring: Learn the lingo of the Woke To stand among the *Herrenvolk!*

Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

All the stuff you learned in school Doesn't mean a thing you fool To keep your corporate sinecure You must spread the Woke manure

Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

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Cis and white gets all the blame Keep your corporate career Absolutely queer

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Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

Let's give hormones to our youth Before they can see the truth: How you feel comes and goes— If you sneeze don't chop your nose!

Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

Where will all this Wokey lead? It's a self-defeating creed It's a human abbatoir Leave the children as they are

Everyone is Wokey Wokey At the End of History Be Woke as you can be Let's have more Diversity Use pronouns like Xem and Xhe In our gender neutral world

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Balloons

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Posted: February 14, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Que Sera Sera" as per Doris Day

There's been balloons up in the sky Possibly Klingons, prob'ly Chinese Sent here to watch us, sent here to spy The work of our enemies

Send the Eff-Two-Two's! Free people won't live in fear Of an illegal gondolier It's up on Fox News: That's our atmosphere

China's supposed to make all the stuff That fills the WalMart down at the mall If they want trouble, we can play rough Biden has made the call

Send the Eff-Two-Two's! Free people won't live in fear Of an illegal gondolier It's up on Fox News: That's our atmosphere

There's lots of bad news on the wire— A war with the Russians we're bound to lose A chunk of Ohio on poisonous fire Hey, Chinese balloon tattoos!

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Kamala Harris

Posted: February 16, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Eleanor Rigby" by The Beatles

Ahh look at all the simple people Ahh look at all the simple people

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amala Harris Her White House dreams are all coming apart at the seams No dark money streams Waits by the stage door Part of the decor until we hit Two-Oh-Two-Four And Biden's encore

All the simple people Where do they all come from? All the simple people Where do they all belong?

Kamala Harris Flies Air Force Two to events somewhere out in the weeds A woman of deeds The DNC's sweetheart Bringing home cash to some people she cannot outsmart Doing her part

All the simple people Where do they all come from? All the simple people Where do they all belong?

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Ahh look at all the simple people Ahh look at all the simple people

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Kamala Harris She's gonna stay in the shade until Biden goes into the ground Then she'll be crowned But her teleprompter Has to go slow and make words really big Kamala's gig

All the simple people Where do they all come from? All the simple people Where do they all belong?

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JFK Junior

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Posted: February 17, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Eleanor Rigby" by The Beatles

Ahh look at all the wide-eyed people Ahh look at all the wide-eyed people

FK Junior We called him John John and wept at his tiny salute He was so cute His body double Died in a plane crash one summer but John wasn't there He's out there somewhere

All the wide-eyed people Where do they all come from? All the wide-eyed people Where do they all belong?

JFK Junior He's gonna clear out the swamp creatures up in DC Donald and he People have pictures He was seen up on the grassy knoll only last week So much mystique

All the wide-eyed people Where do they all come from? All the wide-eyed people Where do they all belong?

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JFK Junior Wandering through Dealey Plaza unseen by his fans Collecting cans Doesn't look sober Bearded and ragged and shouting about Davy Jones' Skull and crossbones

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"Dengue fever...

Posted: February 20, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: "Boogie Fever" (Midnight Special 1976) by The Sylvers

Dengue fever-hey, I know somebodies' gotta have a vaccine for that!

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D engue fever Got to mask up now Dengue fever I think it's going around

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I took my baby on an ocean cruise The cruise director said "you just can't lose" But when we got back from the jungle shore She started hackin' on the disco floor

Dengue fever Got to mask up now Dengue fever I think its goin' around

I took my baby to the first aid deck To get her checked, complete The cruise director locked us in a room We ate stale pizza dancing to the beat

We've got the dengue fever! We've got to mask up now Ah-ah, we've got the dengue fever I think it's going around

All night long we did the bump, bump, bump From the ocean waves, while the docs were stumped They called their buddies at the CDC Said they were cookin' up a new vaccine for me!

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I called my lawyer on the telephone Said counsel, counsel please. I, I, I I got this feelin' this vaccine ain't for healin'. Tell me, What can it be, is it some big pharma scheme?

They call it dengue fever They've got the racket down Dengue fever I think it's going around

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"See me ride out the sirens..."

Posted: February 20, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "T.N.T." by AC/DC

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S ee me ride out the sirens On your color TV screen Out for all that I can get If you know what I mean NATO to the left of me And Volodymyr to the right Ain't got no F-16 Ain't got no ATACMS Don't you start no flight

'Cause I'm J.R.B., I'm dynamite (J.R.B.) and I'll win the fight (J.R.B.) I'm a neoliberal power load (J.R.B.) watch me explode'

He's ex-KGB, mean and mighty unclean A wanted man Ideological enemy number one Understand So lock up yourself in a dacha Lock up your wife Lock up your back door And run for your life The man is back in Kiev town So don't you mess him 'round

'Cause I'm J.R.B., I'm dynamite (J.R.B.) and I'll win the fight (J.R.B.) I'm a neoliberal power load

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Stuck in Odessa with You

Posted: February 2, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Stuck In The Middle With You" by Stealers Wheel

W ell we know there's gonna be a big fight Till it comes we've just gotta sit tight Some say the Russians will roll in from the sea When they do that's where I don't wanna be

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Civilians to the left of me cannons to the right Here I am stuck in Odessa with you

Yes I'm stuck in Odessa with you And there's not an awful lot we can do Watchin' freighters leave the port every day I feel so jealous watchin' them slip away

Civilians to the left of me cannons to the right Here I am stuck in Odessa with you

NATO started all this brawling Thinking Russia would just fall apart But now NATO will come crawling Meet the Russian bear and say *'Please Please'*

Our orders are to fight to the end But we don't have many shells to expend Every soldier's found a cellar to hide Cuz we know the Russians won't be denied

Civilians to the left of me cannons to the right Here I am stuck in Odessa with you

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NATO started all this brawling Thinking Russia would just fall apart But now NATO will come crawling Meet the Russian bear and say '*Please Please*'

Well we know there's gonna be a big fight Till it comes we've just gotta sit tight Some say the Russians will roll in from the sea When they do that's where I don't wanna be

Civilians to the left of me cannons to the right Here I am stuck in Odessa with you

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Yes I'm stuck in Odessa with you

Stuck in Odessa with you

Here I am stuck in Odessa with you

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SVB Weekend

Posted: March 13, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Blinding Lights" by The Weeknd

I 've been tryna call Sorry if I'm sounding kinda gruff I can't get my money fast enough, lady Don't put me back on hold I don't need no verbal fisticuffs I don't need to hear that times are tough, lady

(I look around and) This Valley's cold and empty *oh* It's like some lightning struck me *oh* My lawyer says the money's gone

I said oooooh, they failed at SVB They fell behind and couldn't make the crunch What's to do? We're drowning in the sea Our struggling startup took a knockout punch

Hey! Hey! Hey!

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The FDIC says 'We'll do our best to get you back your fund You've got to know you aren't the only one, you see' *ohhhh*

Can't even use my Visa *oh* Can't order Lyft or pizza *oh* No vulture fund to string along

I said oooooh, they failed at SVB They fell behind and couldn't make the crunch What's to do? We're drowning in the sea Our struggling startup took a knockout punch

My bank account is empty as my soul (*empty as my soul*) Can't pay the rent can't make payroll (*can't make payroll*) I wish there was some code to write (*ooh*)

I said ooooh, they failed at SVB *They fell behind and couldn't make the crunch*

Hey! Hey! Hey!

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I said oooooh, they failed at **SVB** *They fell behind and couldn't make the crunch*

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"Now look at them

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Posted: March 13, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Money For Nothing" by Dire Straits

(I want my, I want my money from SVB) (I want my, I want my money from SVB) (I want my, I want my money from SVB) (I want my, I want my money from SVB)

ow look at them yo-yos, that's the way you do it You play the Feds on SVB That ain't workin', that's the way you do it Money for nothin' forget the FDIC

Now that ain't workin', that's the way you do it Lemme tell ya, them guys ain't dumb Maybe get a blister on your little finger Maybe get a blister on your thumb

We got to install new rules, custom money deliveries We got to move mountains, we got to do chicanery chivalry

See the little high tech wreck with \$100 million Yeah, buddy, that's his own account That little high tech wreck got his own jet airplane That little high tech wreck, he's a Illionaire

I should alearned to play the market I should alearned to play them cryptos Look at that Bitcoin Bro, he got it buying faux dough We could have some funds

And up there, what's that? Silicon Valley voices? <u>Bangin' on the QWERTY like a chimpanzee</u>

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That ain't workin', that's the way you do it Get your money back despite FDIC regs, with a few clicks you see

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"Now look here Joe...

Posted: March 13, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "No, No Joe" by Hank Williams

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ow look here Joe, quit acting like its war sport Stop being that old brazen sort Don't you go sellin' this country's ammo short No, no Joe

Just because you think you've found The Ukraine procurement system that we know ain't sound Don't you go throwin' your weight around No, no Joe

'Cause Hiroshima tried it and Nagasaki tried it too Now the nukes are sittin' around waiting to fire and did you know something? They're wondering what you'll do

Now Joe we get it clear You can push folks around with fear 'Cause we scare easy over here No, no Joe

What makes you do the things you do? You gettin' folks mad at you Don't bite off more 'n you & Hunter can chew No, no Joe

'Cause you want a scrap that you can't win You don't know what you're gettin' in Don't go around leadin' with your chin No, no Joe

Now you're giving tanks, some fair size tanks But you're acting like a clown 'Cause man Putin's got tanks, a mess of tanks Ŀр

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And you might get caught with your tanks breaking down

Don't go throwin' out your chest You'll pop the buttons off your vest You're playing with a hornets' nest No, no Joe

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You know, we think you're somebody we should dread Just because you're seein' the MIC well-fed You better get that foolishness out of your head No, no Joe

And you might be itchin' for a fight Quit braggin' about how your vaunted military can bite 'Cause you're sitting on a keg of nuclear dynamite No, no Joe

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(pronounced Tay-OTT-Walky)

Posted: March 14, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Althea" by The Grateful Dead

The End Of The World As We Know It

EOTWAWKI ain't a mushroom cloud It's more like slow dissipation So many things once stood tall and proud Now it all needs restoration

TEOTWAWKI isn't foreign war It's when a train's derailed When that happens thousand times a year Brother, our ship has sailed

When every state has sacrifice zones Some dead or drilled out place We add them all to the Superfund And blame the human race

When hurricanes leave a mess behind The mess they leave is not redeemed When banks fall down we shrug and sigh So banks are a wise guy's dream

When our politics are screaming duels And we don't show the least concern When we vote for the knaves or vote for the fools And never, never learn

When you take out a loan you can't repay To get that college degree

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Then live like a dog throughout your life That's TEOTWAWKI

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When we can't have the things we need Much more often than not The time has come to weigh some things This space is getting hot

(You know, this space is getting hot)

When our selected representatives Aren't fit to be dogcatcher Their inside trades and wild tirades Display their lack of stature

Why not behave like we own the place? Why settle for the shiny things? We argue more about less and less Own nothing and think we're kings

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Our MQ-9

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Posted: March 16, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Abilene" by George Hamilton IV

U ur Reaper drone, MQ-9 Flyin' high, and lookin' fine Got too close to their red line Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

A Russian jet pissed out some fuel Then nicked our prop, that flying fool Our Reaper hit the waterline Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

Our Reaper drone, MQ-9 Flyin' high, and lookin' fine Got too close to their red line Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

One Reaper drone in the Black Sea They've got our top technology The Rooskies have the whole design Of MQ-9, our MQ-9

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Got too close to their red line Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

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Our MQ-9

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A Russian drone right off our coast? We'd shoot it down with our utmost Like it was some Beijing Balloon We'd kill it soon, we'd kill it soon

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We spied upon Sevastapol Killing Russians was our goal They dropped us in the Black Sea brine Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

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Got too close to their red line Our MQ-9, our MQ-9

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Instead of Nord Stream

Posted: March 17, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "I'm Only Sleeping" by The Beatles

C razy things can happen without notice Like private wars launched by POTUS Biden thinks exactly like Dick Cheney Neocons are so insane (*so insane*)

Joe's a glutton for that Red Button Next time he'll do nukes instead of Nord Stream

Sy Hersh told the details of the story A dirty deed, devoid of glory We've only got one chance to stay alive That's Amendment Twenty-Five (*Twenty-Five*)

Joe's a glutton for that Red Button Next time he'll do nukes instead of Nord Stream

He's hawking a tale of a yacht and some drunken tourists Lying again

He lies to us to hide his double-dealing Let's see what else he's concealing...

Joe's a glutton for that Red Button Next time he'll do nukes instead of Nord Stream

(Ooh yeah)

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Keep this in mind any time you start feeling sorry For this old man

He has a global crime to answer for And our good name must be restored No man but a King can launch a war And we don't have those, any more (*any more*)

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"Here come the bank clawbacks..."

Posted: March 17, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: Ini Kamoze, 90's rap star¹

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Will insider stock sales and bonuses to execs at **SIVB** *be subject to clawback? I can haz clawbacks?*

Nyah-nyah na, nah-nah-nah-nah, nah-nah, nah-nah

For the bank clawbacks (*embezzler*) I'm the forensic gangster (*embezzler*) Big firesales in the area (*embezzler*) Still love you like that!

No, no banks don't die Feds can multiply Anyone pressed will have to give up that bling Act like you know R.I.C.O. I know how you paid for those Give 'em up, and go, uh-oh Ch-ch-ching ching!

Here come the bank clawbacks (*embezzler*) I'm the forensic gangster (*embezzler*) Excuse me Mr. bankster (*embezzler*) Still love you like that!

1 Wukchumni's rap theme got me thinking.

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Give back those Louboutins Put 'em on eBay, cause If you don't you'll no longer shop at Bloomingdales Understand? I'm the daddy of the mack daddy From the town of FDIC Ain't no coder-bro gonna play me Top auditor man

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Here come the bank clawbacks (*embezzler*) I'm the forensic gangster (*embezzler*) Excuse me Mr. bankster (embezzler) Still love you like that!

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Nuclear Winter

Posted: March 20, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Pancho and Lefty" by Townes Van Zandt

I knew a world you'll never see It died when I was twenty-three A world with many trillion trees And summer perfume on the breeze The fields were filled with endless food Every year renewed That was how we all survived Before the ice arrived

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We had two hundred countries then The world was run by businessmen The streets were filled with restless crowds Before we saw the mushroom clouds Before the years of endless fires We all had lights that ran off wires Folks grew fat and life was soft Before the bombs went off

How it happened no one knows The bodies stacked like dominoes Then all the lakes and rivers froze Now nothing ever grows

That world was filled with living things With fins and feathers, fur and wings Before the sunshine went away It wasn't silent like today We got to see the stars at night The midday sun was dazzling bright We'd plant some seeds most any spot

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And food is what we got

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How it happened no one knows The bodies stacked like dominoes Then all the lakes and rivers froze Now nothing ever grows

(musical interlude)

These wistful stories I recite Sitting 'round the firelight About a world that died and burned About the lessons never learned None of you will see that place You children of a dying race I only seek to entertain And struggle to stay sane

How it happened no one knows The bodies stacked like dominoes Then all the lakes and rivers froze Now nothing ever grows

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"A ditty about Little Boy and Fat Man..."

Posted: March 20, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Jack & Dianne" by John Mellencamp

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How about the flipside to your blasterpiece?

ditty about Little Boy and Fat Man Two American bombs thought up in the heartland Little Boy's gonna be a uranium scar Fat Man debuts from backseat of Bockscar

Suckin' on fire-seared cogs that used to be human beings Fat Man's sittin' on Japan's lap He's got his hands between Nagasaki's knees Little Boy say, hey Fat Man lets run off Behind Hiroshima and see Dribble off those babbling brooks Let me do what I please And Little Boy say a

Oh yeah life goes on Long after the thrill of livin' is gone Oh yeah life goes on Long after the thrill of livin' is gone they wok on

Little Boy sits back reflects his thoughts for a moment Scratches his head and does his best clean sweep Well you know Fat Man we oughta blow up the city Fat Man says, baby you ain't missing no-thing Little Boy say a

Oh yeah life goes on

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Long after the thrill of livin' is gone Oh yeah life goes on Long after the thrill of livin' is gone

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Gonna let it rock Let it roll Let the A Bomb come down And save my soul Hold on to U 235 as long as you can Changes comin' round real soon Make us half-life women and men

A ditty about Little Boy and Fat Man Two American bombs that went off according to plan

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"Lookin' in your eyes...

Posted: March 20, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: to the tune of "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now" by Starship

> A duet, sung in Moscow, by two world leaders, introducing ... Vlad and Comrade Xi! (Apologies to Starship and Grace Slick.) Brought to you by the musical production team of Lindsey Graham, Joe Biden, and Nikki Haley!

VLAD:

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Lookin' in your eyes I see you realize This gang of neocons wants to slaughter you, too! Standin' here beside you Want so much to give you Cheap gas and markets that we've opened for you!

COMRADE XI:

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Let 'em say we're crazy! I don't care about that Form a new alliance Comrade, don't ever look back Let a dying empire Just fall apart Comrade, we can make it, cause Joe's not too smart:

And we can end this hegemony Bankrupt all their cronies Nothing's gonna stop us now And when this world runs out of petrol Gas, and rare earth metals Nothing's gonna stop us Nothing's gonna stop us now

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Oh, whoa!

VLAD:

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I'm so glad I found you I'm not gonna lose you Whatever it takes Kissinger's turnin' blue End global institutions Stop color revolutions Whatever it takes Is what I'm gonna do!

COMRADE XI:

Let 'em say we're crazy! What do they know? Sending arms right at ya! Comrade, roll those tanks through Po-land Let a dying empire Be dead and gone, Comrade, we can make it, I got next (Taiwan!)

And we can end this hegemony Bankrupt all their cronies Nothing's gonna stop us now And if this world runs out of dollars We'll just laugh and holler Nothing's gonna stop us Nothing's gonna stop us now!

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Ooh, now capitalist pigs are screwed Ended by their own greed All that I want to do Is watch DC melt down, and Paris, and London!

And we can end this hegemony

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Bankrupt all their cronies Nothing's gonna stop us now And if this world runs out of dollars We'll just laugh and holler Nothing's gonna stop us Nothing's gonna stop us now

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Tanks and Uranium

Posted: March 22, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Thanks for The Memory" by Rod Stewart

D epleted armor rounds, completely out of bounds Out there on the Slavic steppes, a game of hare and hounds From London with love

You talk to China's guy We'll steal the whole front page, get the world enraged It's not too late to escalate this war that we have waged Is this all a bluff?

Many a realm we'd invade And many a vow we've betrayed But lately we're all masquerade Our Army's a joke, our Navy's broke

Tanks and Uranium Our Challengers make rust, and everlasting dust That spreads with every gust, our Saxon bloodlust Will stain your homeland

(musical interlude)

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Banks here are falling down It's like a tinderbox, we're waiting for Guy Fawkes Our psychopathic ministers will not permit peace talks We do stuff that's dumb

Our budget now hangs from a shoestring We cannot compete with Beijing If we do this horrific thing Can you please not attack? Everything here will crack!

Tanks and Uranium

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The whole thing's silly dumb, it's Unobtainium Our military cannot fill a minor stadium We're talking 'bout a pig's ear cause we've got to interfere

From London with love

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"The rain in Ukraine falls mainly on the plain..."

Posted: March 22, 2023 By ChrisFromGA

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A poetic take on current events.

DU rounds were used in Kosovo, during the last **HATO** campaign, so who can be surprised? This thing is going to keep escalating until we either get a nuclear exchange leading to the end of civilization, or somebody blinks ...

The rain in Ukraine falls mainly on the plain, Against the mud the wunderwaffen strain. Meanwhile, western banks get drained Talk of peace disdained And good men do nothing, so evil reigns

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The Pivot Monger

Posted: March 22, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: Sung to the tune of "The Wanderer" by Dion

Today being Fed day, I thought I'd throw one on the fire:

h I'm the type of gambler who smells greed like a bloodhound When interest rates are low, well you know I'll be around I pick up bankrupt retailers, cause to me they're all the same I pump 'em and I dump 'em, the Feds don't even know my name

They call me the pivot monger Yeah, a pivot monger I monger for moar QE, for free, for free!

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Oh well, there's a REIT-wreck on my left and there's some crypto on my right And Bed, Bath and Beyond is who I'll be with tonight And when they finally file for bankruptcy I'll say "who cares?" I made my fast money, so just stuff it, bears!

Cause I'm a monger Yeah, a pivot monger I monger for moar QE, for free, for free!

Oh well, I monger for loose policy I contribute nothing to society And I'm as happy as a bee With my two fists full of dollars I'm on an unprosecutable crime spree

Oh I'm the type of gambler who likes to roam around I'm never in one trade, I'm a simian Reddit clown I pick up bankrupt retailers, cause to me they're all the same I pump 'em and I dump 'em, the Feds don't even know my name

Yeah I'm a pivot monger

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Yeah, a pivot monger I monger for moar QE, for free, for free!

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Oh I'm the type of trader who likes to roam around I'm never in one trade, I follow twitter clowns Then when I find myself underwater on my bets I beg for moar QE and scream "muh pivot" like I've got Tourettes

Yeah I'm a pivot monger Yeah, a pivot monger I monger for moar QE, for free, for free!

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"I don't need to borrow...

Posted: March 23, 2023 By LifelongLib

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The U.S. government sings:

I don't need to borrow What I already own I create the dollars I never need a loan

The national debt Is net assets In the private sect No one collects

I dream about my freedom My freedom from the gold.

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Ye Olde Dollar Machine

Posted: March 23, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Lili Marleen" per Lale Andersen

hen a bank falls down nobody needs to lose
Bonuses are paid and the suits don't pay their dues
If well-to-do folks intervene
And have the Fed print lots of green
Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde*)
Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde Dollar Machine*)

The Dow Jones goes straight up, the Fed runs up our debt The can's kicked down the road, nothing bad has happened yet The joy of a reserve currency Is green ink at the Treasury Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde*) Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde Dollar Machine*)

How much gold or oil backs dollars that are made? You might begin to wonder how this debt will be repaid We trade fiat trust for commodities We buy stuff with our Treasuries Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde*) Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde Dollar Machine*)

(musical interlude)

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Might this be the magic of the MMT? Or will those wild derivatives drown us in the sea? Will we tell our grandkids some fine day They have a monstrous bill to pay? Ye Olde Dollar Machine (*Ye Olde*) Ye Olde Dollar Machine ф

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Old Donetsk

Posted: March 23, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: Sung to the tune of, "Bombs Away" by The Police

So, thanks again to John Zelnicker for the **NC** Songbook. I'm really enjoying it, having been somewhat out of action last fall..

The Kremlin watches the telly and thinks The pay is good but their NATO foes stink Teutonic girls, hard and sweet The weekend warriors they'd love to meet

The president looks at the 'prompter and mutters Confusion spreads with each phrase that he utters Missing shells They'll turn up in the Seychelles

Ceasefire, *nyetsk!* It's not time, yet-sk Ceasefire, *nyetsk!* So bomb Donetsk

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The general only wants to teach Sholz to dance His army life doesn't give him romance Mail order brides, fled to the west He's not gonna pass their bougie lifestyle test

The comic looks at his options and grins He's got a backup plan if he don't win Hollywood girl, scantily clad They'll frolic in the sun and laugh at Vlad

Ceasefire, *nyetsk!* It's not time, yet-sk Ceasefire— *nyetsk!* In old Donetsk

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Ceasefire, *nyetsk!* It's not time, yet-sk Ceasefire, *nyetsk!* In old Donetsk

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"You get a shiver in the dark..."

Posted: March 23, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Sultans of Swing" by Dire Straits

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Y ou get a shiver in the dark It's a raining in the park but meantime-South of Sand Hill Road you stop and put a hold on everything A bank is blowing up, double four time You feel alright until you hear a twitter ring

Well now you step inside the bank and see familiar faces Coming in out of the rain they heard the bank could go down Competition in other places Uh but on the internets they blowin' that shrill sound Way on the down low Way on the down low in Silicon Valley town

You check out high-tech George, he's wearing cords Mind you if he gets his gotten gains out it'll make him sing They said \$250k is all he can look forward to When he's got \$100 million in the thing

And Harry doesn't mind, if he doesn't, make the scene He's a Unicorn, he's doing alright He can play the FDIC like anything Servin' it up, no fear of fright With the Sultans They're the Sultans of Swing

Then a crowd of depositors they're a lining up around the corner

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Drunk with power and dressed in their best Patagonia vests They don't give a damn about any rules you understand It ain't what they call their role And the Sultans Yeah, the Sultans, they play hardball Hardball

And then the man he steps right up to the microphone And says at last just as their moment of deliverance rings "Goodnight, now it's time to go home" Then he makes it fast with one more thing

"We are the Sultans We are the Sultans of Swing"

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"Boom, boom, boom, crack-up boom..."

Posted: March 23, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Boom, Boom" by John Lee Hooker

B oom, boom, boom, crack-up boom Its gonna shoot you right down Right off your feet Take your home down you see Put you in a lowered value house Boom, boom, boom, crack-up boom Mmmm hmmm Mm hm hm

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I love to see you walk Up and down the floor When you talking to me That nest egg talk I like it like that You talk like that You knock me dead Right off my feet A haw haw no more HELOC Whoa!

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Once upon a time you walked the walk And talked that talk And whispered about it going up in value to all who could hear Tell me that you loved appreciation I love that talk That nest egg talk You knock me dead Right off my feet A haw haw no more HELOC Yeah, yeah!

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Pull My Strings

Posted: March 24, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Sultans of Swing" by Dire Straits

C all it fees or call it rent, its always ten percent for the Big Guy Here in the White House they can track damn near anything Wrestling with the pigs earns me pork pie I love the clout that fetching dirty money brings

I get on Air Force One, and they take me to lots of places I preach freedom to the people who are black or brown There's competition from Asian races Tony Blinken says we gotta shut it down

From Foggy Bottom Foggy Bottom in DC town

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All those yellow hordes—they make motherboards Make 'em by the millions, just as cheap and fast as anything Chinese billionaires show up in the List on Forbes But I've got nukes—that makes me King

I'm just a cardboard cutout, hanging from my puppet strings They stand me up days, they put me down at night I have a little song they have taught me to sing When things don't go exactly right:

"I am a Biden Ya gotta pull my strings"

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When a crowd of interns yells there's a war in some Sand-istan Or they cry about the fall in my approval polls Well I don't give a damn cuz I'm the Oval Office man

For eight years I watched Obama roll

Back when Barack Let me watch him through the keyhole Keyhole

(musical interlude)

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'Bout once a week I hafta step right up to the microphone I like to say awful stuff about Xi Denping And once I've read the words then I get to go home So I just wander off, mumbling the thing:

"I am a Biden Ya gotta pull my strings"

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J-Pow's Raised Fed Fund Rates (A Bankster's Lament)

Posted: March 24, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: sung to the tune of "Girlfriend in a Coma" by The Smiths

While working on my Magnum Opus of doggerel, this quickie came to me:

J-Pow's raised Fed Fund rates, I know, I know it's serious J-Pow's raised Fed Fund rates, I know, It's really serious

There were times when I could Have murdered him But you know, I would hate Anything to happen to him

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No, I don't want to listen to him

Do you really think he'll keep doing it? Do you really think he's not like Ben? Do ooh ooh

J-Pow's raised Fed Fund rates, I know I know, it's serious My, my, my, my, my risk rating goin' high

There were times when I could Have strangled him But, you know, I would hate Anything to happen to him Would you please Call the Clintons?

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Do you really think He'll keep doing it? Do you really think We're totally screwed? Doo ooh ooh ooh Let me whisper my last goodbyes I know, it's serious

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"My President said, 'Putin, you're gonna' drive me to drinkin'... "

Posted: March 24, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Hot Rod Lincoln" by Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen

y President said, "Putin, you're gonna' drive me to drinkin' If you don't surrender right away to Antony Blinken"

Have you heard this story of the Hot War phase When Ukraine our proxy was settin' the pace That story is true I'm here to say I was paying for HIMARS way

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It's got room for 6 GMLRS And it's really souped up And that 5-ton flatbed body also rises up It's got six cylinders; uses them all It's got fire & forget, just won't stall

With a pod for six and quite the cost With high velocity Those rockets red glare can really get lost It's got room for one ATAMCS missile, but I ain't scared The thing will land in Ukraine somewhere

Pulled out of a C-130 Hercules late one night The moon and the stars was shinin' bright We was drivin' up, set up an attack on A stationary target sitting still ф

Hitting a bridge, i'm paying the bill

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All of a Sudden in a wink of an eye A Kinzhal missile passed us by I said, "Boys, That's too quick for me!" By then nothing was all you could see

Now NATO was ribbin' us for bein' behind So I thought I'd make the HIMARS unwind Took my money from Congress and man alive I shoved production on up into overdrive

Wound it up to almost a hundred klicks around a bend My speedometer said that I hit top end My foot was blue, like lead to the floor That's all there is and there ain't no more

Now the boys in the MIC all thought I'd lost my sense After all, they had spared no expense I said, "Slow down! I see deep muddy spots! If we get stuck on this road our mobile status is shot"

This arrested me and I had to bail And called my President to get a new detail And he said, "Putin, you're gonna' drive me to drinkin' If you don't surrender right away to Hot... Rod... Antony Blinken!"

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"The world today seems absolutely crackers..."

Posted: March 24, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "I Like Chinese" by Monty Python

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The world today seems absolutely crackers With nuclear bombs to blow us all sky high There's fools and idiots sitting on the trigger It's depressing, and it's senseless, and that's why...

I dislike Chinese I dislike Chinese They stopped buying our treasuries Yet they're always friendly, although at ill ease

I dislike Chinese I dislike Chinese There's 1.4 billion of them in the world today You'd better learn to dislike them, that's what I say

I dislike Chinese I dislike Chinese They come a long way overseas And if you're a developing country they're ready to please

I dislike Chinese food There's less cats in the hood Think of the many things they've done to impress There's all that manufacturing we used to possess

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So, I dislike chinese I dislike chinese I dislike their not so tiny ghost cities Their zen, their ping-pong, their ying and yang-eze

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"The general scratches his belly and thinks..."

Posted: March 24, 2023 By ChrisFromGA

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The general scratches his belly and thinks His pay is good but his company stinks Jihadi girl, hot and sweet A military man would love to meet

The despot looks into the camera and speaks His shirts not clean & his country reeks Bone saw skills Syrian hills

Assad must stay! Cause he's okay Assad must stay We like him, today

The sultan only wants to teach us to dance His army life doesn't give him any romance Jihadi girl, zealous and sweet The kind a military man would love to meet

The general scratches his belly and thinks His pay is good but his company stinks Infidels—are awfully dull His brother Bashir doesn't look so bad, after all

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Assad must stay! Cause he's okay Assad must stay! We like him, today.

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The Walk of Death

Posted: March 25, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: Sung to the tune of "Walk of Life" as performed by Dire Straits

ere comes Vlod he's hosting EU toadies Be-bop-a-Lula baby what I say Here comes Vlod he's singin I got a green screen, down in a tunnel tryin to make a play

He's handin' out battlefield promotions Oh yeah, war boy cosplays Manipulation, emotions Turning *wunderwaffen* into beta decay

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The songs about a slaughter on the steppe The play is gonna turn out like MacBeth Ya do the walk Ya do the walk of death Ooh the muddy walk of death

Here comes Vlodsky, gonna tell you the story In his Hand me down combat boots Here comes Vlodsky with the shock-n-awe glory Beat back the Kremlin dudes

He's Handing out battlefield promotions Oh yeah, our boy cosplays Manipulation, emotions Turning all the landscape helllish and gray

The song about the new counteroffensive He do the song about azov right While they do the walk

They do the walk of death On the muddy road of death

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Here comes Vlodsky, he's hostin' western toadies Be-bop-a-Lula baby what I say Here comes Vlod he's singin I got a green screen, down in a tunnel tryin to make a play

He wants reaction It's pure emotion Oh yeah the boy cosplays Manipulation, emotion Turning all The landscape hellish and grey And after all the violence and double talk We'll just disown him for the trouble and the strife You do the walk The muddy road of death

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"Some folks are born made to wave the flag...

Posted: March 26, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival

Some folks are born made to wave the flag Hoo, they're red, white and blue And when the band plays "Hail to the chief" Ooh, they point the cannon at Ukraine, Lord

It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no President's son, son It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no unfortunate one, no

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Some folks are born cocaine spoon in hand Lord, don't they help themselves, Lord? But when the Fox man come to the door Lord, the house lookin' like a rummage sale, yeah

It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no millionaire's son, no, no It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no unfortunate one, no

Yeah-yeah, some folks inherit star-spangled eyes Hoo, they send arms to the Ukraine war, Lord And when you ask 'em, "How much should we give?" Hoo, they only answer, "More, more, more, more" Lр

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It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no President's son, son, Lord It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no unfortunate one, one

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It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no unfortunate one, no, no, no It ain't me, it ain't me I ain't no unfortunate son, no, no, no It ain't me, it ain't me...

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"Are we really happy with this Ukraine game we play..."

Posted: March 27, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "This Masquerade" performed by Carpenters

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re we really happy with this Ukraine game we play Looking for the right words to say Searching but not finding understanding anyway We're lost in this masquerade

NATO afraid to say we're just too far away From being closer to winning from the start We tried to talk it over but the words got in the way We're lost inside this Ukraine game we play

Thoughts of leaving disappear each time I read the lies And no matter how hard I try To understand the reason why we carry on this way We're lost in this masquerade

We tried to talk it over but the words got in the way We're lost inside this Ukraine game we play

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Thoughts of leaving disappear each time I read the lies And no matter how hard I try To understand the reason why we carry on this way We're lost in a masquerade We're lost in a masquerade

And we're lost in a masquerade

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"Talkin' to myself and feelin' old...'

Posted: March 28, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Rainy Days and Mondays" by Carpenters

I alkin' to myself and feelin' old Sometimes I'd like to quit Nothin' ever seems to fit Shootin' around Nothin' to do but frown Manifestos on Mondays always get me down

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What I've got they used to call the blues Nothin' is really wrong Feelin' like I don't belong Walkin' around Some kind of lonely clown Manifestos on Mondays always get me down

Funny, but it seems I always wind up online here with you Nice to know somebody recognizes me Funny, but it seems that it's the only thing to do Everyone who now knows my name (who now knows my name)

What I feel has come and gone before No need to talk it out (talk it out) We know what it's all about Shootin' around (shootin' around) Nothin' to do but frown Manifestos on Mondays always get me down

Funny, but it seems that it's the only thing to do (only thing to do) Run and gun down the ones who trouble me (ooh)

Assault rifle murder sprees have come and gone before

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No need to talk it out (to talk it out) We know what it's all about Shootin' around (shootin' around) Nothin' to do but frown Manifestos on Mondays always get me down Shootin' around (shootin' around) Nothin' to do but frown Manifestos on Mondays always get Me down

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"Then from 32,674 throats and more there rose a lusty yell..."

Posted: March 30, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration:"Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

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Then from 32,674 throats and more there rose a lusty yell; It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell; It pounded on the mountain and recoiled upon the flat, For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place; There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile lit Casey's face. And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat, No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

65,348 eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt; 32,674 tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt; Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip, Defiance flashed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

The pitcher took his time, waving off one sign after another And before you knew it, 16 seconds had elapsed-ball one Casey readjusted his batting gloves, tapped his bat on the plate Lр

As 9 seconds transpired when the umpire called a strike, too late.

The infield shift for the day remained motionless, unmoved If a lefty the likes of Casey should hit it where they aren't A man on larger bases he'd become, running each 90 foot part The crowd was restless, the organist too-a fellow named Bart.

Oh, somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright, The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light; And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout, But there is no joy in MLB, the pastime taking too much time out.

... Play ball!

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Banana Hymn of the Republic

Posted: March 31, 2023 By **Sardonia** Inspiration: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe

Trump indicted! Song time:

ine eyes have seen the gory, Petty, stupid politics. Lawyers toying with indictments Made of twine and fragile sticks. They're the toast of New York City Season tickets to the Knicks! The Stupid Marches On!

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Glory, glory Hallelujah! The fruit of Soros' massive moolah Trump's head, we'll serve it right up to ya. The Stupid Marches On!

We have slain the nasty Orange Man. We'll be fixtures on TeeVee! We'll be heroes to the masses Hooked on MSNBC. We are sure that Trump will shrink from Any new publicity. The Stupid Marches On!

Glory, glory Hallelujah! The fruit of Soros' massive moolah. Trump's head, we'll serve it right up to ya. The Stupid Marches On!

We have saved our noble nation

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From the Scourge of Donald Trump. This will keep him off the stages. This will keep him off the stump. Biden's polling will be certain To amass a massive bump! The Stupid Marches On!

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Glory, glory Hallelujah! The fruit of Soros' massive moolah. Trump's head, we'll serve it right up to ya. The Stupid Marches On!

He'll be shackled at his ankles For his Presidential runs. What comes next, we can't be sure; Your guess is good as anyone's. Half the country's celebrating, Half are loading up their guns. The Stupid Marches On!

Glory, glory Hallelujah! The fruit of Soros' massive moolah. Trump's head, we'll serve it right up to ya. The Stupid Marches On!

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Ursula's War Machine

Posted: April 3, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Dancing Queen" by Abba

> *This one's for Alex Christoforou, of The Duran YouTube channel. Ursula von der Leyen hopes to fail upward by October, from running the* **EU** *Commission to running* **NATO**—*from windmills to weapons, where the real money's at:*

O oooh, take a chance Grab the prize Forget your Great Reset franchise Ooooh, you go girl Wear camo green Ursula's war machine

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Ursula von der Lies-A-Lot Freeze n' Seize is the best she's got Now she's scrounging for weapons For counteroffensive spring Zelensky gets everything

Any actor could be That Guy Mothers weep while he gets high Von der Liar will dump him When Nuland gives her the nod 'A victim of circumstance' The end of his high finance

But Ursula shall be seen So discreet NATO's brand new queen By Halloween Buying bombs for the war machine, oh yeah

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Europeans see what goes on You leave 'em freezing and then you're gone No more talk about climate It's shells and rockets for you A much bigger cash advance No end to your high finance

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Kick It Back

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Posted: April 4, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" by Tony Orlando and Dawn

hen money hits the Pentagon There's military magic that goes on Some of that cash disappears While some stays on the books Some goes to buy more weapons While some goes to certain crooks Some flows to certain crooks

Well, kick some back to Congress Won't you pretty please? Send those K Street boys Give the mice some cheese When we kick back to Congress Then it's guaranteed Those political shills Will pass more bills To fund our war machine So kick some back to Congress Everybody loves some green

This is the game in DC What goes around Comes back around you see Some prestidigitation Makes the payer the payee The only real challenge Is to keep it all tax free That's right. It's all tax free

Well, kick some back to Congress Won't you pretty please?

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When those mice get reelected It's with votes from you and me Those grifters in the Congress They expect their standard fee

Send money home!

Kick it back to Congress doncha see? Kick it back to Congress doncha see? Kick it back to Congress doncha see?

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Bakhmut

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Posted: April 5, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive" per Brad Paisley

e've held on in Bakhmut For the railroads and highways Many thousands have fought Here and died Now we stay in these trenches To do those men honor We will never leave Bakhmut alive

There is no man who knows Where or when death will find him We've seen the meat of Countless young lives Every man is brave But the fear here is real We will never leave Bakhmut alive

Well, the Wagner Group Comes at us with no warnin' First they find our holes Then we chase them away Then they drop their shells Right in the trenches that we hide in All that fire and flame Takes our front line away

From here to Kiev There's just empty wide open On the rural steppe We can't hope to survive If we ever leave this place We will run for the Dnieper

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But we'll never leave Bakhmut alive

There's a short daily truce While they truck back our bodies And those trucks are filled With young boys and old guys They send us grandsons and grandpas And we send them at Wagner They cannot leave Bakhmut alive

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AZOV blockers behind us And Russians everywhere We turn basements into bunkers To survive But a building doesn't matter When the rockets come to shatter We will never leave Bakhmut alive

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Start A Commotion

Posted: April 6, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Roll Over Beethoven" by Chuck Berry

W ell, the French love to riot Argentines are out in the street All of England's in an uproar The Bobbies are in full retreat Go start a commotion, grab yerself a ringside seat

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People want more wages They're weary of these banking coups This ain't about an *-ism* Baby needs a new pair of shoes Go start a commotion, they've gotta share the revenues

We've had Covid pneumonia Supply chains all confused Now it's crazy inflation All of us have been abused Go start a commotion, let 'em know we're not amused

Well, when we stand together Shoulder to shoulder, they can't deny us They can't buy us, we're off the tether We won't stop, it's Hell for leather Sisters, brothers Go start a commotion, high time to light the fuse

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The wages we been earning is the reason we're out burning Dumpsters and automobiles They've gotta share the cash or the system will crash We'll stick our own bodies in the wheels Go start a commotion, no more down-at-the-heels

Wherever you're workin', Make the place a union shop Many billions of dollars Are stolen at the very top If we don't start a commotion, austerity will never stop

Go start a commotion Let's go get what we're due

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Clarence in Pain

Posted: April 7, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: Melody borrowed from "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor

U ust yesterday mornin' our little secret came out The millions in gifts you gave me are in the news You'll say we're just friends, and I'll do a big pout But there's just no defending what they accuse

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I've been well and truly bought Dark money flows will all be publicized There'll be no more trips on your jet and on your yacht And then there's all those Federalist guys

Won't you pick up the phone there, Harlan? I only serve as you command And there'll be legal bills you can help me pay If we don't talk this will get out of hand And I'm not a crook if I was led astray

I've been well and truly bought Dark money flows will all be publicized There'll be no more trips on your jet and on your yacht And then there's all those Federalist guys

I go back in my mind to an easy time When I was your favored son I did suppose that my brown nose Would have kept that safe and sound Now I'm spending my time on the telephone line Dealing with what's going on I need marines or a man of means

If I hope to stick around

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Oh, I've been well and truly bought Dark money flows will all be publicized There'll be no more trips on your jet and on your yacht And then there's those crazy Federalist guys They'll all be mad as hell, now And there's the IRS coming back around now, I'd like to see you, love to see you, once again now

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Misunderstanding (Blinken's Lament)

Posted: April 7, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: "Misunderstanding" by Genesis

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There must be some misunderstanding There must be some kind of mistake I was waiting by the phone for hours You were late

Now it's not like me to say the right thing But you could've called to let me know I checked your number twice, don't understand it So I went home

Well, I'd been waiting for this next summit I thought that maybe we could spin and blow (hot air) Never dreamed I'd have this feeling But seeing you is believing That's why I don't know why You didn't show up on Skype

There must be some misunderstanding There must be some kind of mistake I was waiting in the metaverse for hours You were late

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Since then, I've been running around trying to find you I went to the places that you always go I rang your embassy but got no answer Jumped in my car, I went round there I still don't believe it Vlad was just leaving

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SCOTUS Prism Blues

Posted: April 7, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Folsom Prison Blues" by Johnny Cash

hen Clarence was a young boy, his Granny told him, "Son Only work for rich men if you aim to get along. Doncha be a field hand—you be an Uncle Tom. If you serve wealth and power—rich folks will grease your palm"

That little boy he listened, he got a law degree Then went to work for rich men as right wing as could be In '91 they shoved him onto our highest court Even pubic hair on cola did not lose their support

For thirty years he's been there, but he never followed rules 'Cause honesty and ethics and truth are traps for fools He has a private mission laid down by Opus Dei: "If you serve wealth and power, good things shall come your way."

Now his life is just a prism, and when people look inside They see the many ways he cheats, the rainbow of his lies His pretense of position is now as plain as day And even all those rich men hope he'll just go away

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"The President took his vow..."

Posted: April 7, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Battle of Evermore" performed by The London Philharmonic Orchestra

The President took his vow, And then he turned to go, The Xi Prince of Peace embraced the gloom, And walked the night alone. Oooh dance with the dark of might, Sing to Macron from the city of light. The Dark Lord Putin rides in force tonight, And time will tell us all. Ohhh throw down to your Leopard 2 crew, Rest not to lock your holes unless you need to eschew As side by side we wait the might, Of the darkest of them all. Ohhh

I hear the howitzers thunder, Down in the valley below. I'm waitin' for the shelling of Zaporozhye, Waitin' for the eastern glow.

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The half-lives of the valley hold, The end of happiness. The ground can be radiated without tender care,

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Repent, do not forget. Ohhh No, no! Dalliance in the dark of night, HIMARS bestow the morning light. The corpses turn to brown and black, The liar's face is red. Oooh Hohh now! War is the common cry, Pick up your drones and fly. The sky is filled with good and bad, That mortals never know. Ohhh. Now.

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Oh well, the rule of might is long, The beads of time pass slow. Tired eyes of the Breton Woods reprise, Waitin' for the eastern glow.

The pain of war cannot exceed, The woe of aftermath. The hits will shake the containment wall, The Challenger 2's ride in black. Ride on. Ohhh Sing as you raise your turrets, Ride on. Shoot straighter than before, No comfort has the fire that night, That lights the face so cold. Ohhh dance in the dark of night, Sing to the morning light. The magic runes are writ in cold war mode, To bring the balance back. Bring it back.

At last the sun is shinin', The clouds of radiation roll by. A-with invisible flames from the dragon of darkness, The propaganda blinds our eyes. Eyes.

Ah-ah-oh. Oooh-ooh. Ahhh. Oooh.

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Bring it back. Bring it back.

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Oh now, oh now, oh now ahh. Oh now, oh now, oh now. Bring it back. Bring it back. Bring it back. A-bring it back.

Whoah now, oh now, oh now ohh. Whoah now, oh now, oh now. Bring it, bring – ahhh.

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"And now the end is here..."

Posted: April 9, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "My Way" performed by Frank Sinatra

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See "The Sinatra Doctrine":

And now the end is here And so we face that final irony curtain My friend I'll make it clear I'll state our case, of which I'm certain We've lived a life that's full of consumer goods Traveled by each and every highway And more, much more We did it, we did it our way

Regrets, We've had a few But then again too few to mention We did what we had to do We saw it through without exemption We planned each charted course Each careful step proclaiming Our way or the highway! And more, much, much more We did it, we did it our way

Yes, there were times I'm sure you knew When we bit off more than we could chew

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But through it all, when there was doubt We ate up what propaganda spit out We faced it all and we stood tall and did it our way

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For what is a hegemon, what has it got? If not solely itself then it has naught Not to pay for things that it truly needs And not the lucre lingua franca of someone who kneels Let the record shows we took all the blows and did it our way

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Make Up Our Mind

Posted: April 12, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Did You Ever Have To Make Up Your Mind?" by The Lovin' Spoonful

I betcha thought we put this whole thing behind Did you truly believe it's how this world was designed? The Global South people are all making friends And that's why and how our own empire ends

The Saudis need to sell all their crude They sold it for dollars to get solitude We sold them our weapons our cars and our food But that nifty deal will not be renewed

Cuz now they wanna join BRICS and make nice with China Which gives Mister Biden some major angina Without petrodollars we can't rule the earth And the world will learn just what a dollar's really worth

That's why it's time for us to make up our mind Our Bretton Woods deal is sure to unwind When the Saudis join BRICS, when that treaty is signed Our supply of oil becomes non-aligned

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The Saudis weren't impressed with our Patriot missiles That made lots of noise and interesting whistles They never stopped rockets the Yemenis sent So MBS is telling Biden *'go and get bent'*

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Which means you bet we'd better finally decide This world runs on oil, and not on our pride We can't put it off and we can't let it slide There'll be no one left to stand by our side

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Little Bit Cyber

Posted: April 13, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Paperback Writer" by The Beatles

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I can use AI on my home PC It can make a photo that goes viral fast It can churn out content or some repartee I have been surpassed So I wanna be a Little Bit Cyber Little Bit Cyber

Little Bit Cyber... Cyber... Cyber

Hydraulic muscles and some wings in back And a brain that tops a million gigahertz Everywhere I go I'll play a cool soundtrack Wearing denim shirts *"That dude must be a Little Bit Cyber"* Little Bit Cyber

I'll fill my bloodstream with nutritious juice So my human organs won't be needed hence I shall live forever with the strength of Zeus It's just common sense To wanna be a Little Bit Cyber Little Bit Cyber

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The Kiev Shuffle

Posted: April 13, 2023 By **ChrisFromGA** Inspiration: "Harlem Shuffle" performed by The Rolling Stones

Dedicated to West VA Joe:

Yeah, and you do it for the "likes" You move it to the steppe Yeah, its a bipartisan schlep

Just take it kinda slow Gotta jack up those polls Don't move it too fast Just make the Fox newscast

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You scratch like a tank-monkey Yeah ya do, real cool You shake hands with spokes-bimbo Yeah, how low can you go?

Now come on baby! come on baby! Don't go Xi on me now

Just move it to the right here to the Kiev Shuffle Huh, yeah, yeah Do the Kiev Shuffle!

Yeah, yeah, yeah, Ya do the Kiev shuffle

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Hitch me hitch hike baby, across the pond

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Whow, whow, whow, I can't stand it no more

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Now come on baby, Oh, come on baby Now don't let those polls slide

Just ride, ride, ride, shameless crony ride! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah Do the Kiev Shuffle Yeah, Yeah, Yeah Do the Kiev Shuffle (Bend the knee for Zee!) Yeah, Yeah, Yeah Shake your war monger baby (Shake, shake, shake yeah) Yeah, yeah, yeah, Do the Kiev shuffle (All the cool cats do it) Yeah, yeah, yeah Do the Kiev shuffle

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Your Lyin Eyes

Posted: April 14, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Lyin Eyes" by Eagles

People fool around now with Midjourney Fakes go out as real once in a while Like a beer guzzlin' Pope or horns on Bernie We've stepped into the world of Ray Kurzweil

When Instagram can make you cute not homely That's what we call a fool's paradise If all you are is what your phone can show me Are you really worth the effort or the price?

We're now forced into a state of disbelieving The AI genie's loose—can't shut it down We cannot trust the things we are perceiving Any more than we trust what's written down

You can't trust your lyin' eyes Things you you see out there are lies Everything's destabilized There ain't no way to trust your lyin' eyes

The weight of constant lies gets suffocating It hardly matters now what's fake or real The winner is the thing that's stimulating And AI bots are just fine with that deal

If you work hard you can cobble together A version of the truth that is worthwhile But the *hoi polloi* are far beyond that tether Your facts go in the circular file

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The hot skill of the future is suggestion To get AI to try what's not been tried There is nothing now that can't be called to question And we welcome this mad world with both eyes wide

Forgive me if I say AI is crazy Science rests on facts and logic rules But AI treats a fact as something hazy Garbage in and out its only tools

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The world of transhumans is a pipe dream We can't become computers and live free AI cannot dance inside a sunbeam It's just a Morlock born to slavery

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There ain't no way to trust your lyin' eyes

Honey, you can't trust your lyin' eyes

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Clarence Thomas

Posted: April 17, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Nikita" by Sir Elton John

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C larence Thomas, you're alone Dangling from the strings behind your puppet show All those vacays around the globe The multi-millions paid by Harlan Crow You're for sale, that's widely known A mercenary, a sicario A SCOTUS judge who'll grasp for gold Who likes financial fellatio

Clarence Thomas, you will never know The honor in the job you hold An office that you sold for revenue *(there's proof!)* You greedy thief, you'll never know All your crimes are so undignified We should send you to Guantanamo Till all your endless bribes have come to light *(oh no!)* In a cell with your money bro

You truly have a venal heart You lust for power like a parasite You were a Judas from the start Opinions written by a troglodyte The author of enormous crimes Spread across some twenty silent years You thought you made a social climb You were just hanging out with racketeers

Clarence Thomas, you will never know The honor in the job you hold An office that you sold for revenue (*there's proof!*) You greedy thief, you'll never know All your crimes are so undignified

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We should send you to Guantanamo Till all your endless bribes have come to light (*oh no!*) In a cell with your money bro

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Clarence Thomas, you will never know Never know the honor in the job you hold An office that you sold for revenue You greedy thief, you'll never know All your crimes are so undignified We should send you to Guantanamo Till all your endless bribes have come to light *(oh no!)* In a cell with your money bro

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"Georgia, Savannah Georgia..."

Posted: April 17, 2023 By **Wukchumni** Inspiration: "Georgia On My Mind" by Ray Charles

Dueling doubting Thomas ditties:

GradingGradingA shady real estate deal (a shady real estate deal)Just an old sweet song about bought & paid forKeeps Savannah, Georgia on my mind (Savannah, Georgia on my mind)

I said Georgia Savannah, Georgia A song of you (a song of you) Comes as sweet and clear As grease through the palms

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Other alms reach out to thee Other eyes smile tenderly Still in state tax documents I see The road leads back to you

I said Georgia Oh Savannah, Georgia, evidence was found (evidence was found) Just an old sweet song about bought & paid for Keeps Savannah, Georgia on my mind (Savannah, Georgia on my mind)

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I said just an old sweet song about bought & paid for Keeps Savannah, Georgia on my mind

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"Hey, Janet...

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Posted: April 17, 2023 By Wukchumni



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I've got something to say Uh huh I really loved the skillful way You beat the FDIC to the under-insured buffet

Oh, Jay

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The river of denial was in deep but I swam it (Janet) Only so many immaculate exceptions, can it (Janet) So please don't bail out anyone else unless they demand it (Janet) I've one thing to say and that's Dammit, Janet, I love you

The road to ruin was long but I ran it (Janet) There's inflationary pressures and you fan it (Janet) If there's one fool for you then I am it (Janet) I've one thing to say and that's Dammit, Janet, I love you

Here's a thing to prove that I'm no joker There's three ways that an economy can grow That's good, bad or mediocre Oh J-A-N-E-T I love you so

Oh, it's nicer gig than the last SecTres had (oh Jay) Now we're engaged in battling inflaton and I'm so glad (oh Jay) That you've kept mum and you know it could get bad (oh Jay) I've one thing to say and that's

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Jay I'm mad for you too

Oh, Jay Oh, dammit I'm mad Oh, Janet For you

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"Turn off your mind..."

Posted: April 18, 2023 By **Sardonia** Inspiration: "Tomorrow Never Knows" by The Beatles

> A song dedicated to poor Lambert, who couldn't get yesterday's Water Cooler up because his triply redundant connectivity was failing him. A little suggestion for days like that—melody from The Beatle's fabulously psychedelic masterpiece, "Tomorrow Never Knows." For those who don't know it, really—enjoy the tune:

I urn off your mind, Relax, and float downstream. Nothing is lo... oading. Nothing is lo... oading.

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Lay down all thoughts, Surrender to the Void Your screen is sho... owing Your screen is sho... owing.

Let Nothingness Become your Twitter feed All is with... i... in it All is with... i... in it.

There you will see the news That matters most Already kno... owing Already kno... owing.

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Gravy Train

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Posted: April 19, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Penny Lane" by The Beatles

The Gravy Train is all the millions from the donor class Without their gifts you cannot buy a Congress role Congresscritters will come and go But we all know

Tons of money flows to all our Representatives And with that money comes a promise to give back To the wealthy on the inside track If you play the game, you will gain

The Gravy Train requires our Congress to tell lies Their promises to us are pure disguise— Their donors get paid back

Scatterbrains can get elected saying silly things To snag a spot in the political machine They own a jet, a yacht, a limousine But their hands are clean

The Gravy Train requires our Congress to tell lies Their promises to us are pure disguise— Their donors get paid back

Across America our bridges are all falling down Our infrastructure's more like *papier mache* More like the Third World than the USA Every passing day

A hurricane or a tornado tears your town apart Here's the bill, you get to take it on the chin You'd think that Congress maybe could step in Share the Gravy Train, be humane

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The Gravy Train requires our Congress to tell lies Their promises to us are pure disguise— Their donors get paid back

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Gone Neo-Con

Posted: April 20, 2023 By ChrisFromGA Inspiration: sung to the tune of "Gone Country" by Alan Jackson

She's been playin' with matches, on the steppe for ten years in Ukraine Every day we get news that suggests, she's got pudding for brains She's been readin' about quintupling down, and emptying NATO cupboards She says "Silly simpletons, if we lose, I'll just fail upwards"

So she casts her spell on government chumps And skates through hot wars, kinda like Forrest Gump

She's gone neo-con Look at her loot She's gone neo-con Back to her roots She's gone neo-con Turn Berlin to Beirut She's gone neo-con—here she comes!

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Well, John McCain's dead, but Lindsey's holding out in the swampland He's got his warmonger on, saying let's all sport those nuclear sun tans He says, we can take on both bears and pandas, just for schnitz, grins and giggles! But if you ask him who'll be doin' the fightin', he squirms and he wiggles

I hear over there its changed, you'll see! We'll just wow 'em with our nifty technology!

He's gone neocon Look at him loot! He's gone neocon Back to his roots He's gone neocon Turn Taiwan to Beirut He's gone neocon—here he comes!

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He commutes to D.C., but he's got a house in the Valley But the bills are pilin' up and the tech scene just ain't on the rally And he says, honey, I'm a serious conservative, schooled in Bush and Kirkpatrick Selling arms to the world pays the bills, and I just have to fool geriatrics Lord, it sounds so easy, it shouldn't take long Worst case scenario—no jail time at all

He's gone neo-con Look at him loot! He's gone neo-con, Back to his roots He's gone neocon, Makin' governance moot He's gone neocon—here he comes!

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Yeah, he's gone neocon, he can sure do the talk He's gone neocon, but he can't walk the walk He's gone neocon, look at 'em loot He's gone neocon, oh, back to Straussian roots

He's gone neocon He's gone neocon, Everyone in DC loves neocons Yeah, we've gone neocon The whole world is gone—thanks, neocons!

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Talk To Mister Z

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Posted: April 21, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Memphis Tennessee" by Johnny Rivers (1964)

The great Unkrainian diaspora landed a genuine babushka in our neck of the woods, and she has become a friend of our family. She has kin still in Ukraine, some of whom know people who who work at the phone company—when the electricity is on. They gossip about the constant calls these operators get—from Bakhmut especially—from enterprising soldiers trying to find someone up the chain who can be bribed to get them out of Ukraine. This is all routine corruption under Mister Zelensky.

Some callers are mere boys. Most never call back. And where'd they get all that money?

Hey, you may as well put the YouTube video on Loop—we're gonna sing this thing three times:

ong Distance Information, lemme Talk To Mister Z I'm calling you from Bakhmut with bad connectivity Can you tell the President I've got the wherewithal If cash will get me out of here then I want my curtain call

Tell the Prez I've come up with his standard smuggler's fee Fifty grand and he'll arrange some guys to rescue me The Russians are about to blow our last remaining bridge And they're moving lots of tanks and rockets up the northern ridge

Tell the Prez we do not have the shells or the supplies To head down to Crimea, and we sure don't have the guys Tell him I want outta here if he'll give me the chance I found some dough and I want to go to Germany or France

I'm tired of stacking bodies, this is worse than Stalingrad We've only got our rifles when we should be armor-clad We all have diarrhea, some intestinal disease I'll pay to get me far from here, can ya tell Zelensky please? ф

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(Play It Again, Sam)

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Long Distance Information, get Zelensky on the phone He lives across the Dnieper, in the high corruption zone I found a wad of money and I'll gladly pay his vig I'm tired of dodging shrapnel, this is such an awful gig

My brother called from Paris where he's living happily He helps with all the riots, burning cars out in the street He left Ukraine a year ago, if not he would be dead But I was only twelve years old, too young for war they said

Come on, Information, finding Z can't be that hard He strolls around in Kiev with his AZOV bodyguard Fifty grand in cash, he says, will get me to the West Getting somewhere that's not here might be my very last request

There's a line of guys behind me who will pay to get brought out We've all got cash and jewelry, will you give the Prez a shout? He will not get a *hyrvnia if he leaves us here to burn Just get us out of Ukraine, and we never will return*

(Play It Again, Sam)

Long Distance Information, get in touch with Mister Z I wanna finish high school, and then go get my degree I've got the grades for Oxford, or for Harvard with the Yanks If I don't retreat I'll end up meat in the treads of Russian tanks

It's pretty wild to grab a child off the sidewalk near his school Me milking cows is over now, there's a whole new set of rules But I hear that Mister Z will take straight cash to set me free He's the working definition of the *petit bourgeoisie*

Operator, tell someone to get me overseas This morning came a whiff of springtime wafting on the breeze And I realized we have to hide right where we have to shit But I'm no fool, a sewage pool will do when the rockets hit

Help me, Information, for I miss my mother so

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With each attack we're further back, we always let it go Tell Zelensky I can double up the cash I bring Here's another young man next in line to beg for the same thing...

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Goodbye to Justice Thomas

Posted: April 24, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Sweet Baby James" by James Taylor

There is an old Justice who worships great wealth But he's stuck in his job until he kicks the bucket So he said the same phrase as the man from Nantucket And for decades he's taken bribes, always by stealth

As he and his billionaire boyfriend conspired To favor the judge like a real racketeer For decades the gifts that this Justice acquired Were never reported—they did not appear That's crooked as hell, to be clear

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Goodbye to Justice Thomas And the shady deceits you have done On our country's high court you're required to report When you sell your soul to someone Your treason is second to none

Vacations abroad with your billionaire beau With no upper limit on what they are costing You've kept this on ice, yes, but now it's defrosting You dance on his strings you're a cheap puppet show

The bribes that you took are base pillage and theft Deliberate lies and corrupt bribery You've defiled the court feathering your own nest There are virtues above and beyond simple greed You've made you a Nobody

So goodbye to Justice Thomas And the shady deceits you have done

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Larva Please

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Posted: April 26, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "Wouldn't It Be Loverly?" from *My Fair Lady*

> Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, and advocates of The Great Reset make a point of pushing the consumption of insects instead of mammals in our utopian future. Instead of chitlins, we'll eat chitin. Well, here you are—out for Sunday brunch with friends in 2045:

If ungi tacos with soya flour Silkworm sauerkraut that's extra sour Fresh feta fruit fly cheese— "A side of extra larva, please"

Twenty years since I tasted meat I feel empty and incomplete Even a wraith must eat— *"A side of extra larva, please"*

Just the odor of grilling steak it fills me with desire I would drizzle it with sauce While— Sitting beside the fire

Cows make methane and CO2 Sheep and chickens and porkers, too Meat's for the well-to-do— *"A side of extra larva, please"*

Fritter fleas—baby bees—centipedes— *"Larva, please"*

O Ye Gods I would kill for beef Chicken soup as *apéritif*

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But meat's for Trillionaires— *"A side of extra larva, please"*

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Planet Earth mustn't overheat Eating bacon would spell defeat Oh Lord, I want to cheat— *"A side of extra larva, please"*

All nine vital amino acids in a bug *paté* Lightly killed and chilled It tastes like— Saliva n' Slime *Sorbét*

Chewing is sensuality Lamb chops strewn with some rosemary But for now please bring me— *"A side of extra larva, please"*

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"Larva, please"...

(larva, please)

"Larva, please"...

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"I'd leave it up Janet to planet Earth..."

Posted: April 27, 2023 By Wukchumni

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And now, for something a bit different, a poem:

I 'd leave it up Janet to planet Earth to plan it, damn it Her word salad days are balsamic Croutons of wisdom can cure & calm it Making bacon bits out of rash decisions is comic Her dressing down of the situation looks a bit chronic FDIC what your doing and they didn't say can it All I can say Janet is the feeling is plutocracy platonic

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Justice Thomas Jingle

Posted: April 28, 2023 By Antifa Inspiration: melody borrowed from "How Sweet It Is" by James Taylor

How sweet it is to be owned by you How sweet it is to be owned by you

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I so love the pleasures of a rich man's stash And there you were My soul is for sale for a steady flow of cash And there you were

Your private jet and your gorgeous yacht I dived right into your honeypot I have to stop—and thank you, Harlan I've just got to stop—and thank you Harlan, (*yes I do*)

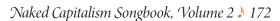
How sweet it is to be owned by you It feels so fine How sweet it is to be owned by you

I check my accounts at night They're so much bigger now for me and my wife Supreme Court cases are such a bore I vote as you like—you're the man I work for

Slaving for a billionaire really, really pays And those Federalist guys give me so much praise I have to stop—and thank you, Harlan Lemme just stop—and thank you Harlan, *(oh yes)*

How sweet it is to be owned by you In these oligarch times How sweet it is to be owned by you

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You feed me treats, cuz I'm your black cat You've made me an aristocrat I wanna stop—and thank you, Harlan I just wanna stop—and thank you Harlan, *(oh yes)*

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How sweet it is to be owned by you How sweet it is to be owned by you, (oh now) How sweet it is to be owned by you I like jelly in my belly, Harlan, (oh yeah)

How sweet it is to be owned by you You're the honey I'm the bee, Harlan, (yeah now) How sweet it is to be owned by you

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"Epstein was quizzical..."

Posted: April 28, 2023 By Wukchumni Inspiration: "Maxwell's Silver Hammer" by The Beatles

E pstein was quizzical Studied physical science in a bed @ home Late nights all alone with a 'test tube' Oh, oh, oh, oh

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Maxwell-Ghislaine, majoring in meddling Calls him on the phone "you know they have us together in pictures, oh!" But as he's getting ready to go A knock comes on the cell door

Bang! Bang! Maxwell's silver spoon Came down upon his head Clang! Clang! Maxwell's silver spoon Made sure that he was dead

Back in court again, Maxwell plays the fool again Judge gets annoyed Wishing to avoid an unpleasant scene He tells Max to stay when the jury has gone away So she waits behind Writing fifty times "I must not be so" But when he turns her back on her ploy She creeps up from behind

Bang! Bang! Maxwell's silver spoon Came down upon his head Clang! Clang! Maxwell's silver spoon Made sure that he was dead

Bailiff Thirty-One Said "We caught a dirty one" Maxwell stands alone

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Painting testimonial pictures Oh, oh, oh, oh

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Bill, Donald & Andy screaming from the gallery Say she must go free (Maxwell must go free) The judge does not agree, and he tells them so But as the words are leaving his lips A noise comes from behind Bang! Bang! Maxwell's silver spoon Came down upon his head Clang! Clang! Maxwell's silver spoon Made sure that he was dead Wo-wo-wo-woh

Silver spoon swoon...

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