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Take a Look Around

In the aftermath of 9/11, when the world quickly and unthinkingly embraced a version of contemporary events COMPLETELY UNSUPPORTED by a single shred of scientific fact, the author's frustration turned him towards writing songs similar to this one. It's a general expression of the many ways in which the world is made dangerous, uncomfortable and unhappy as a result of the lies told by governments with secret agendas, and the stupidity of the masses who unquestionably accept and propagate those lies.

LYRICS:

Marijuana is a danger or at least that's your conviction
you invade your neighbors to the south myopic interdiction
and while you're burning all the crops of farmers who are struggling
the CIA is running its own empire of smuggling

The war on drugs is costly fifteen billion you proposed
you get the funding that you need from schools that you've closed
and if there is a problem and your budget's incomplete
you can always raise the price to the user on the street

Sometimes I think you're crazy when I take a look around
at all your contradictions your absurdities abound
you say you must protect me but I have to think you're jokin'
your behavior is so stupid that I wonder what you're smokin'

The stoners go to jail to increase the swelling ranks
of your prisons that developed close relationships with banks
but liquor can be bought and sold without the least obstruction
to provide your chauffeur with the means for carnage and destruction

When I saw the sickening photos from the prison in Iraq
I wondered what had happened to the conscience that you lacked
but you really had me worried when I saw you'd taken caution
to suppress the prurient interest of your mother and her children

By blurring out the genitals of all the men you posed
in your pornographic theater of the innocent disposed
the reality of torture is OK for them to see
just as long as you protect them from their sexuality

Sometimes I think you're crazy when I take a look around
at all your contradictions your absurdities abound
you say you must protect them from such dangerous seduction
while you're hiding all the details of the countries you've been fuckin'

You protested you were innocent and showed you were sincere
by rounding up the corporals and branding them as queer
their punishment came swiftly as the guilty were demoted
while in honor of their sacrifice the generals were promoted

By spreading fear and terror of the communist persuasion
you dragged the world to the edge of near annihilation
your paranoid delusions filled your head with so much dread
you were teaching all your children they were better dead than red

Your cold war was a comedy of stupid propaganda
two religions doing battle for the world stage agenda
but now that threat's been neutralized another has appeared
the terrorists are everywhere it's positively weird

But let a corporation like General Motors fail
the bailout comes quickly your economy is frail
what happened to the might of your great ideology
didn't soldiers give their lives so your country could be free?

At times I think you're crazy when I take a look around
at all your contradictions your absurdities abound
you say you can protect me if I trust you and obey
and relinquish all my freedoms it's a price I have to pay

It's all bullshit and you know it all the people know you lied
its all theft and prostitution with a bonus on the side
corruption is rewarded to both parties it belongs
they don't even know their left from right how can they right from wrong?

Every era has its blindness the things we cannot see
the lies that we've been told that shape our false reality
generations of the future will obviously notice
those towers didn't fall they were expertly demolished

The government's been hijacked by your cabal of fanatics
who pursue your private interests their agenda is dogmatic
they act with pious arrogance like aristocracy
but their triumph is the ending of your great democracy

At times I think you're crazy when I take a look around
at all your contradictions your absurdities abound
you say I must be fearful of a terrorist attack
but all the so-called terrorists are simply fighting back

You're executing citizens no trial or due process
your tribunals have decided on a fearful kind of justice
Do you wonder what will happen when the people you abhor
bring this kind of law and order with the hangman to your door?