

Shut Your Mouth and Open Your Mind

Scatman John

Whoa...

I've been watchin' your performance since I was just a boy
You're so diplomatic and you're actin' so coy
I see you on the TV at night when I'm in bed
Can a blind man understand the color red?
I see you at the podium, how gracefully you sway
You're talkin' real clear, but are you hearin' what you say?
Your lips keep movin', talkin' as you walk
But everybody knows you're not walkin' what you talk
I see you eating out, I don't mean to be rude
But you're so busy readin' menus, you forgot to order food
You're livin' in the image of a long-forgotten dream
You're actin' out the action of a bad movie scene
Your campaign slogan says you want to make a change
You want to help the hungry and the mentally deranged
Stop being arrogant, get down off your shelf
'Cause you can't help no one if you can't help yourself.

Chorus:

Shut your mouth and open your mind (Steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
Shut your mouth and open your mind
Shut your mouth and open your mind (Steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
Shut your mouth and open your mind
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa

You pretend that you listen, you don't hear what we say
You're so far from the truth you can't see the light of day
You messed up your mind, 'cause you took the easy road
And actin' understanding only made you grow old
I wish I'd like to tell you the things I wanna say
But first you gotta chip out the lies in your way
There's too many like you, and no matter what you say
Whoever wrote the lines forgot to throw them away.
I'd really like to tell you what you don't wanna hear, man
Everything you're living for is grounded in fear.
As long as you keep talkin' up the side of your neck

You'll never understand why your life is a wreck.
Just listen to the song, that's as close as you'll get
You'll get, to any sense of hope to get your soul out of debt.
It effectively elaborates the pattern that you weave,
We all see the ace that you keep up your sleeve.

Shut your mouth and open your mind (Easy does it boys, he just lost his mind)
Shut your mouth and open your mind (Check it out boys, he's just hard to find)
Shut your mouth and open your mind (Take it easy boys, he don't know what he's sayin')
Shut your mouth and open your mind (Easy does it boys, get down.)

[scatting]

I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Shut your mouth and open your mind, easy does it boys, he just lost his mind)
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Check it, check it, check it out boys)

I see you at the podium, how gracefully you sway
You're talkin' real clear, but are you hearin' what you say?
Your lips keep movin', talkin' as you walk
But everybody knows you're not walkin' what you talk

I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Shut your mouth and open your mind, steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Shut your mouth and open your mind) [scatting]
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Shut your mouth and open your mind, steppin' on your own shoes, steppin' on your own shoes)
I'm tellin' you yeah, whoa (Shut your mouth and open your mind)
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

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