Same Thing

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Somewhere between prayer and revolution
Between Jesus and Huey P. Newton
That?s where you find Jonny 5 shoot, shootin?
Water guns at the audience while you?re scootin'
You?re gluteous max due to the fact that he?s tootin'
On the horn, gonna warn you that I'm rootin'
For the other team in the culture wars
So, I stab the beast belly as the vulture snores
Yo Joe, let it blow with convulsive force
Till walls fall off their false supports
Till Jericho's aircraft carriers alter course
And all brave young Americans are called ashore
?Cause we've already lost the war they keep wagin?
Splatterin? the streets in battles that keep ragin?
Bloodyin? each page in the story that we're studyin?
Each day the same just the names keep changin?
Sayin? the same things over again
Repeatin? the same slogans, we don't know where we've been
We've been all over the globe on our government's funds
Leavin? man, woman and child dead, bloody and numb
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We?ve been overthrowin? leaders with legitimate views
Democratically elected but we didn't approve
How many times can the line divide?
How many wars to uphold some pride?
These fears uncontrolled just swoll the tide
Of blood in the streets while the people die
I?ma keep on tryin?, long as suffering's multiplyin
And why not?
These souls gettin? tossed and left out to rot
My back?s broad enough to help lift your cross
As long as you help with mine
The process of healin? will take some time
To see the pain in your face is the same as mine
It?s not a game or a race but the stakes is high
We maintain our mistakes for the sake of sides
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(Same thing)
U.S. is not us
(Same thing)
And us is not we
(Same thing)
And we are not satisfied
(Same thing)
We?re tired of the same thing
(Same thing)
And we?re ready to make change
(Same thing)
Are we ready to make change?
We want money for health care and public welfare
Free Mumia and Leonard Peltier
Human needs, not corporate greed
Drop the debt and legalize weed
We say yes to grassroots organization
No to neoliberal globalization
Bring the troops back to the U.S.A.
And shut down Guantanamo Bay
Who let 'em overthrow Jacobo Arbenz?
Who let 'em overthrow Mohammad Mosaddeq?
Who let 'em assassinate Salvador Allende?
I didn't let them but they did it anyway
Who let 'em overthrow Kwame Nkrumah?
Who let 'em overthrow Aristide?
Who let 'em assassinate Oscar Romero?
I didn't let 'em but they did indeed
But don?t let them assassinate Hugo Chavez
Don?t let them assassinate Evo Morales
And bring back Martin, Malcolm, Medgar
Hampton, Schwerner, Goodman, Chaney
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