## **Volunteers of America**

## **The Both**

The contract's a joke,
but when you see smoke
You run toward the fire
'cause you must
They all called your name when the
crash finally came
Then left you to pick up the dust
I saw you walking in silence
down to the bridge

But nothing went over the side

So I guess to someone with your heritage

Withdrawal, like consent, is impliedAnd it's true - no one else will

do what you do

Volunteers of America, I'm calling youWhat makes you feel you're less than ideal

If you can't get over it all?

That walk-away clause

can't be just because

You're mad at the Cross on the wall

Oh, and the last time I saw you, with

that hole in your side

I had to put my hand in to believe

Oh, but I couldn't meet

those elephant eyes

And you couldn't take time to grieveAnd it's true - no one else

will do what you do

Volunteers of America, I'm calling youWith your thousand-yard stare

and your caretaker's hair

I guess we're not sleeping again

You're up there online,

building your shrine

A go-to solution that then

Come tomorrow, you'll tear down againSo bring out your poor,

your washed on the shore

Your refuse, your teeming depressed

You take them all in, 'cause that's

where you've been

A person who has to say "yes"

And every Sunday and Wednesday

you pay homage to

The naked and martyred and dead

Where every crypt tells the story,
the story of you

Where bodies aren't bodies, they're breadAnd it's true - no one else
will do what you do
Volunteers of America, I'm calling you

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