

King Heroin

James Brown

Ladies and gentlemen

Fellow Americans

Lady Americans

This is James Brown I wanna talk to you about one of our

Most deadly, killers in the country today

I had a dream the other night, and I

Was sittin' in my living room Dozed off to sleep

So I start to dreamin'

I dreamed I walked in a place and

I saw a real strange, weird object Standin' up talkin' to the people

And I found out it was heroin

That deadly drug that go in your veins

He says I came to this country without a passport

Ever since then I've been hunted and sought

My little white grains are nothin' but waste

Soft and deadly and bitter to taste I'm a world of power and all know it's true

Use me once and you'll know it, too

I can make a mere schoolboy forget his books

I can make a world-famous beauty neglect her looks I can make a good man forsake his wife

Send a greedy man to prison for the rest of his life

I can make a man forsake his country and flag

Make a girl sell her body for a five-dollar bag Some think my adventure's a joy and a thrill

But I'll put a gun in your hand and make you kill

In cellophane bags, I've found my way

To heads of state and children at play I'm financed in China, ran in Japan

I'm respected in Turkey and I'm legal in Siam

I take my addicts and make 'em steal, borrow, beg

Then they search for a vein in their arm or their leg So, be you Italian, Jewish, Black or Mex

I can make the most virile of men forget their sex

So now, no, my man, you must, you know, do your best

To keep up your habit until your arrest Now the police have taken you from under my wing

Do you think they dare defy me, I who am king

Now, you must lie in that county jail

Where I can't get to you by visit or mail So squirm, with discomfort, wiggle and cough

Six days of madness, you might throw me off

Curse me in name, defy me in speech

But you'd pick me up right no if I were in your reach All through your sentence you've become resolved to your
fate

Hear now young man and woman, I'll be waitin' at the gate

And don't be afraid, don't run, I'm not chased
Sure my name is Heroin, you'll be back for a taste Behold, you're hooked, your foot is in the stirrup
And make, haste, mount the steed and ride him well
For the white horse of heroin will ride you to Hell, to Hell
Will ride you to Hell until you are dead
Dead, brother, dead This is a revolution of the mind
Get your mind together
And get away from drugs
That's the man
Back, back

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