

Line 'Em Up

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Notes: It on sony.com: the song starts in the final moments of the nixon white house with the president's farewell address. so he says goodbye . . . goodbye. next he's got to walk across the room, out back door, across the lawn, past the vacant but alert (zen) marine, into the helicopter and away. he does this by lining up the white house staff and moving down the line shaking hands and saying

Le things - voila.

After some typical personal stuff the song ends in madison square garden in 1987 with a mass wedding of the unification church; the reverend sun moon presiding via satellite video down link. None of this may have actually happened. I remember richard nixon back in '74

And the final scene at the white house door

And the staff lined up to say good-bye

Tiny tear in his shifty little eye

He said nobody knows me

Nobody understands

These little people were good to me

Oh I'm gonna shake some hands Chorus:

Somebody line 'em up

Line 'em all up

Line 'em up

Line 'em all up

Line 'em up

Line 'em all up

Line 'em up

Line 'em all up At that time my heart was all broke

I looked like ashes and smelled like smoke

And I turned away from my loving kind

Try to leave my body and live in my mind

But it's much too much emotion

To hold it in your hand

They've got waves out on the ocean

They're gonna wear away the land- chorus - Oh I've seen corn in kansas

And I've seen picket fences

And certain cowboy dances

I've gone lining up for shows

I've been safely placed in rows

Sure I know how it goes Another day goes by

Little time machine

I'm breaking my brain

Over what it might mean

Just to claim the time

And to turn away
To make today today Who waits for you
Lonely tired old toad
It's your life laid out before you
Like the broken white line down the center of the road- chorus -Yeah, big moon landing
People all standing up
Smiles for the loved ones
They go walking on down the aisles
Each re-engages stepping into the sun
I watch them turn like pages
One by one by one- chorus -

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