America's Favorite Pastime (Live at WMLB AM1690)

Todd Snider

Dock Ellis didn't think he would pitch that day

Back in 1970

When he and his wife took a trip to the ballpark

A little bit differently

So by the time he hit the bullpen

Half the world had melted away

That's about the time coach Murtaugh said

Hey dock your pitching today Taking the mound the ground turned into

The icing on a birthday cake

The lead off man came up and turned into

A dancing rattle snake

The crowd tracked back and forth

In waves of color underneath the sun

The ball turned into a silver bullet

His arm into a gunI took a look all around the world one time

Finally discovered

You cant judge a bookThree up three down for three straight innings

In a zero zero tie

As all those batters names came ringing

From some voice out of the sky

Hallucinating Halloween scenes

Each new swing of the bat

His sinker looked like it was falling off a table

But nobody was hallucinating that I took a look all around the world one time

Finally discovered

You cant judge a bookBy the top of the seventh he was up one to nothing

And giving them padres fits

By the bottom of the eighth he was up two to nothing

And they still hadn't got any hits

With one out left to go in the game

The batter looked like a baby child

The birthday caking was shaking

And those waves of color were going wildWhen he finally moved the last man down

He was high as he had ever been

Laughing to the sound of the world going around

Completely unaware of the win

And while the papers would say he was scattered that day

He was pretty as a pitcher could be

The day dock Ellis of the Pittsburgh pirates

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