

# Subdivision

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White people are so scared of black people  
They bulldoze out to the country  
And put up houses on little loop-d-loop streets  
And while America gets its heart cut right out of its chest  
The Berlin wall still runs down main street  
Separating east side from west  
And nothing is stirring, not even a mouse  
In the boarded up stores and the broken down houses  
So they hang colorful banners off all the street lamps  
Just to prove they got no manners, no mercy, and no sense  
And I wonder then what it will take for my city to rise  
First we admit our mistakes and then we open our eyes  
The ghost of old buildings are haunting  
Parking lots in the city of good neighbors that history forgot  
I remember the first time I saw someone lying on the cold street  
I thought, "I can't just walk past you, this can't just be true"  
But I learned by example to just keep moving my feet  
It's amazing the things that we all learn to do  
So we're led by denial like lambs to the slaughter  
Serving empires of style and carbonated sugar water  
And the old farm road's a four-lane that leads to the mall  
And my dreams are all guillotines waiting to fall  
And I wonder then, what it will take for my country to rise  
First we admit our mistakes and then we open our eyes  
'Til nation's last taker succumbs to one last dumb decision  
And America, the beautiful is just one big subdivision

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