## Your Next Bold Move

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Coming of age during the plague
Of Reagan and Bush
Watching capitalism gun down democracy
It had this funny effect on me
I guessI am cancer

I am HIV

And I'm down at the blue Jesus

Blue cross hospital

Just lookin' up from my pillow

Feeling blessedAnd the mighty multinationals

Have monopolized the oxygen

So it's as easy as breathing

For us all to participateYes they're buying and selling

Off shares of air

And you know it's all around you

But it's hard to point and say "there"

So you just sit on your hands

And quietly contemplateYour next bold move

The next thing you're gonna need to prove

To yourselfWhat a waste of thumbs that are imposable

To make machines that are disposable

And sell them to seagulls flying in circles

Around one big right wing Yes, the left wing was broken long ago

By the slingshot of cointelpro

And now it's so hard to have faith in

AnythingEspecially your next bold move

Or the next thing you're gonna need to prove

To yourselfYou want to track each trickle

Back to its source

And then scream up the faucet

'til your face is hoarse

'cause you're surrounded by a world's worth

Of things you just can't excuseBut you've got the hard cough of a chain smoker

And you're at the arctic circle playing strip poker

And it's getting colder and colder

Every time you loseSo go ahead

Make your next bold move

Tell us

What's the next thing you're gonna need to prove

## To yourself

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