(I Took) a Walk

Shawn Phillips

I took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw in the middle of the garbage and erotica
I saw a man in pain crying to be free
Children in the rain, yelling out their glee
Well, singers on the plain, fused in harmonyHey, oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to theePeople I have seen in the streets and communities
Running in a mortal fear of the violence and its companies
I saw a man in hand flying to the moon
Well, a rich man of the lands dying all too soon
I say people in the bands you really ought to learn this tuneHey, oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to theeI took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw
I saw a murder in a place called Attica
I saw a man called power
Who said you've got to fit my visionI saw a man called law
Said if you don't I'm going to put you in the prison
I saw a man called peace
Who was shaking with the laughter of derisionHey, oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh America, they're gonna to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh America, they're gonna to love you
Please be true to theeI took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw
I saw the blizzards and the tropics
I saw mountain streams running free and clear, LordCreatures of my dreams so beautiful I shed my tears
You great and wondrous land
I wonder why you cannot hear me nowHey, oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you
Please be true to theeOh America, they want to love you
Please be true to thee
Oh AmericaAmerica, America, America, America, America
America, America, America, America, America
America, America, America, America, America

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