

Tax Free

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Front rooms, back rooms slide into tables
Crowd into bathrooms, joke around
Cheap talk, deep talk, talk, talk, around the clock Crawl home, lie down, teeth chatter, heart pounds
I don't feel so good, I don't feel so good
Push a button to escape Preacher on the tube crying, "Lord, here's evil
In this land, rock 'n' roll music, cast down
These dope-fiends an' their noisy bands, damn their souls" Preacher preachin' love like vengeance
Preachin' love like hate, callin' for large donations
Promisin' estates, rollin' lawns an' angel bands
Behind the pearly gates, you know, he will have his
In this life but yours will have to wait He's immaculately tax free
Multiple hundreds of thousands of tax free
Hundreds and millions of dollars, tax free
A hundred billion dollars, and who is paying the price?
Who, who? Your children are Pissed off, jacked up, scream into the mike
Spit into the lovin' cup, strut like a rooster, march like a man
God's hired hands and the devil bands Packing the same grandstands, different clothes
Pot in their pockets, different hair, sexually active
Raise a screamin' guitar or a Bible in the air
Theater of anguish, theater of glory
God's hired hands and the devil bands Oh, come let us adore, me
Lord, there's danger in this land
You get witch-hunts and wars
When church and state hold hands Fuck it, tonight I'm going dancin'
With the drag queens and the punks
Big beat deliver me from this sanctimonious skunk
We're no flamin' angels, he's not Heaven sent
How can he speak for the 'Prince of Peace'
When he's hawk-right militant He's immaculately tax free
Our nation has lost its guts, save me
Our nation has lost its strength, tax free
Our nation has whimpered and cried, save me And petted the Castros, tax free
The Khomeinis and the Kaddafis, save me
For so long, tax free
That we don't know how to act like a man, save me I think that we should turn the United States Marines lose
On that little island south of Florida an' stop that problem I am preachin' love, I am

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