

# President

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There were limos, bands & speeches  
And parties to go to  
I said all that will have to wait  
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My first day I offered statehood  
To Cuba and Mexico  
Cuba-1 state, Mexico-6  
All or nothing that's how it goes

No more border patrols & human smuggling  
and we'll deal with our own neighborhood  
And a few more stars and some green in the flag  
Seems like it might be good

And maybe Israel and Palestine  
Will follow our lead and just combine  
And then become Israelstine, who knows?  
Anyway that's my first day

Second day I told Detroit  
Start makin' cars that don't use gas  
And I give everybody a big rebate  
And they started sellin' fast

We'll stop burning up the air we breathe  
And making the planet boil  
And we won't have to kiss the ass  
Of whoever's got the oil

Since before Hoover, the farmers have got  
The short end of the stick  
With the help of our Cuban brothers  
We'll be Communistic  
(Collective farms!)

Capitalism is a fine thing  
If it works, then great, OK  
But if not, gotta try something else  
That's what I did on my 3rd day

My 4th day all of our troops came home  
From all around the Earth  
Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran  
More trouble than they're worth

I was tempted to say I'm sorry  
We'll rebuild you with money and men  
But I just said, "You're on your own  
"And don't fuck with us again"

My 5th day I changed the army  
So it's all of us or none  
We'll all tie knots, and walk through mud  
Pitch tents and fire a gun

With just a few of us as warriors  
And the rest of us gone soft  
Martians could come and zap us  
Ain't gonna happen on my watch

Day 6 I swore no prisoners more  
Would face their death inside  
Thou Shalt Not Kill applies to us all  
Too many mistakes, besides

Day 6 I swore no prisoner more  
Would ever face his death  
At least until my jury hears  
The Crimes of President Bush

Day 7 was hot, I legalized pot  
And none of this decriminalizing crap  
Let it grow in glory, end of story  
Then I burned one and took a nap

Hemp will help the farmers  
We'll grow hemp everywhere  
One acre of hemp's like 10 acres of trees  
And hemp grows back next year

My 8th day I made health care  
Cover everyone  
If you get sick, see a doctor  
That's how my government's run

And by the way, abortion  
Is included in this plan  
No one tells a girl how to treat her body  
Least of all some man

My 9th day I said sorry  
This government is no fool  
Ain't gonna pay you extra to send your kid  
To some weird-ass wacko school

We'll do our best to make our schools  
Best anyplace on earth  
If they ain't good enough, think about it  
Before you go give birth

My 10th day I made it OK  
To marry whoever you  
Would be willing to ride with  
On a bicycle built for 2

Marry a woman, marry a man  
Marry a monkey too  
Marry a big old rhino

And visit 'em at the zoo

And that was my first 10 days  
My first 2 working weeks  
Lots of work for the bureaucrats  
And the paper-pushing geeks

After that we needed  
Some time to just have fun  
So we added some new holidays  
The next week, one by one

Monday was National Nude Day  
Everyone disrobed  
Tuesday was National Stoned Day  
Everyone got stoned

Wednesday was National Painting Day  
Thursday no television  
Friday was tennis, John McEnroe helped  
From his Cabinet position

Saturday, Sex With Impunity Day  
With no repercussions  
Sunday, do it all-Nude, Stoned, Painting, no TV,  
Tennis, Sex-Enjoy!!  
Just be ready for work on Monday  
And mister, no discussion

My Cabinet, as previously mentioned  
Includes John McEnroe  
And Wavy Gravy and Michael Franti  
And Ani DiFranco

Muhammad Ali, Madonna  
Maya Angelou, Bratt Pitt  
And Monica Lewinsky and Bill Clinton  
And we'll watch 'em both go at it

And then I'll get that Stephen Hawking  
Make him a citizen and stuff  
He's the smartest guy in the world  
England's had him long enough

I'll tell him you can be the head of whatever you want  
Just bring your thinking cap  
And I'll give him an office in Hollywood  
With all those ramps and crap

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