

Loaded Gun

American Steel

Who's the enemy?
You're gonna point your gun at GI Joe
Well your Grandpa broke the strikes and your dad the civil rights
When they were 18 too
Kent State, you never had a clean slate
I didn't see watts burn but I felt the embers
Pinkerton mobs, national guard
Change the names, but someone remembers

I passed out flowers in the park (Loaded gun)
I spent my money in the market (Loaded gun)
Running rebels reading Marx (Loaded gun)
How droll! Armalite ballot!
There's dollars in Bahrain (Loaded gun)
But there's rust in the gas can (Loaded gun)
Bombs for petrol? (Loaded gun)
No! Petrol for bombs

They've got a file on you, friend, and it's none of your business
Community policing paying dividends
East Oakland is a no-go
But the liquor store is Cointelpro
Peacekeeping missions in police warzone
With a turbulent Dow Jones
If violence is a state monopoly
Then think of us as antitrust

The CIA is in Oakland (Loaded gun)
Rewriting the constitution (Loaded gun)
Looking at a firebrand through the eyes of a loaded gun