

## New American Language

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She said "Love, love, love is everything"  
I said, "Okay, I guess, whatever"  
She said, "What does that mean?"  
I said, "Nothin', it's just good to have a backup plan"

She said, "I guess that means you don't got love"  
I said, "Maybe I love everyone"  
She said, "That's the same as lovin' no one"  
I said, "Okay, I guess, whatever"

And I have a dream of a New American Language  
One with a little bit more Spanish  
I have a dream of a new pop music  
That tells the truth, with a good beat and some nice harmonies  
I have a dream

Tourist towns are a drag sometimes  
But in non-tourist towns you can get beat up  
Just for lookin' a little different  
I guess the thing to do is just stay at home

Yeah, but sometimes I think the thing to do  
Would be to get a place way out in Missouri  
Put down as many months rent as you can part with  
Tell everybody else you went to France

I said, "Remember that conversation we had about love"  
I said, "Well, I think that you were right"  
She said, "I don't remember sayin' nothin' about love"  
It must have been a fantasy of the moment"  
I have a dream, I have a dream

I dream of joining the Mafia  
And whether people like me is unimportant  
I dream of your clock radio  
Waking you up with my songs

I have a dream of a New American Language  
I dream of new beginnings  
I dream of saturation bombing  
I dream mostly about love