

Going Down To Sing In Texas

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It's been way too long comin' but I want to thank The Chicks
They found out what it's like to be a woman and defy the establishment
Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, any guy in a cowboy hat
Woulda walked away unscathed takin' a stand like that
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I'm so glad Jesus drove those moneychangers out of the church
He did not mince his words for fear that their feelings might get hurt
He spoke truth to power, He stood up for the poor
The church today wouldn't even let him through the door
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I know a couple of Muslims and they seem like pretty decent folks to me
I'd take anyone of them over that evangelist I'm watchin' on T.V.
You wanna ban something? I got a plan
Let's ban hate from every corner of our land
Well I know a couple of Muslims and they seem like decent folks to me

What's the deal with all these war criminals who get to walk around free
Like that president who lied about WMD
Hundreds of thousands of people are lying in their graves
Celebrities are calling him the sweet new friend they made
Well, what's the deal with all these war criminals out walkin' around free

I just wanna say thank you to those brave women in The Squad
Everyday their lives are jeopardized by that hate monger and his mob
But when you care about something that's bigger than you
Even the fires of hell ain't too much to go walking through
And I just wanna say thank you to those brave women in The Squad

Ain't we all just a little bit tired of greedy people gettin' a free pass
Hoarding obscene amounts of wealth, riding on everybody else's back
Hey Mr. Bezos, I'm talking to you
That flimsy veil you're wearing is so easy to see through
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We ought not be condoning, bulldozing Palestinian homes
It's an open-air prison there, A U.S. sanctioned, dead zone
I have a wealth of compassion for Jewish people and their plight
But I've not forgotten two wrongs don't make a right
And we ought not be condoning, bulldozing Palestinian homes

How many more people of color are we gonna let be gunned down by police
How many more perpetrators are we gonna sit back and watch walk free
You took a knee to stand up for your rights
I want you to know that I'm right there by your side
And how many more people of color we are gonna let be gunned down by police

I'm so proud of all these young people for taking it to the streets
You gotta have conviction if you are going to give your conscience feet
That thug up in the White House will turn up his snotty nose

But these kids are smart, they know the emperor got no clothes
I'm so proud of these young people for taking it to the streets

I know I'm just a pilgrim, I'm only passing through
It's a choice I'm making tryin' to be true
I don't know if there's a Judgment Day or a master plan
But I wanna be ready if before the Lord I stand
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I'm going down to sing in Arkansas where anybody can carry a gun
I'm going up to sing in Michigan where anybody can carry a gun
My mama told me, "You can run to the rocks and try to hide your face
But those rocks will cry out, 'There ain't no hiding place'"
So I'll go on down and sing in Texas where anybody can carry a gun