

# Americans

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Hold on, don't fight your war alone  
Halo around you, don't have to face it on your own  
We will win this fight  
All souls be brave  
We'll find a way to heaven  
We'll find a way

War is old, so is sex  
Let's play god, you go next  
Hands go up, men go down  
Try my luck, stand my ground  
Die in church, live in jail  
Say her name, twice in hell  
Uncle Sam kissed a man  
Jim Crow Jesus rose again

I like my woman in the kitchen  
I teach my children superstitions  
I keep my two guns on my blue nightstand  
A pretty young thang, she can wash my clothes  
But she'll never ever wear my pants

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
Learned the words from my mom and dad  
Cross my heart and I hope to die  
With a big old piece of American pie  
Love me baby, love me for who I am  
Fallen angels singing, "clap your hands"  
Don't try to take my country, I will defend my land  
I'm not crazy, baby, naw  
I'm American  
I'm American  
I'm American  
I'm American

Seventy-nine cent to your dollar  
All that bullshit from white-collars  
You see my color before my vision  
Sometimes I wonder if you were blind  
Would it help you make a better decision?

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Let me help you in here  
Until women can get equal pay for equal work  
This is not my America

Until same gender loving people can be who they are  
This is not my America  
Until black people can come home from a police stop without being shot in the head  
This is not my America  
Until poor whites can get a shot at being successful  
This is not my America  
I can't hear nobody talkin' to me

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Fallen angels singing, "clap your hands"  
Don't try to take my country, I will defend my land  
I'm not crazy, baby, naw  
I'm American (love me baby)  
I'm American (love me for who I am)

Until Latinos and Latinas don't have to run from walls  
This is not my America  
But I tell you today that the devil is a liar  
Because it's gon' be my America before it's all over

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