

The Great American Scream Machine

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It went eight stories high straight up to the sky
White rickety wood creaks as the cars go by
Hear the steel tracks rumble and roll
Watch it dead drop down to the ground
You dreamed that dream since you were 10 years old
When you got tall enough to ride, swore it would never get old
When you close your eyes
Yeah you can still hear that sound

And the high school kids would dare each other
Ride it all the way with no hands
It's the Great American

Little Joey Pittman swore that he could
The girls all swooned but nobody thought that he would
Climb to the top
Write his name with a spray paint can

He thought his dreams could fly
If they were up that high
Baby catch 'em if you can
It was the Great American

Go ahead and scream
Baby you can't believe
Just how fast this ride can go
So let down your hair
Throw your hands in the air
Close your eyes and let it go
There was nothing in the world
That's better than the Great American

It was like an earthquake balloon ride with an airplane drop
After the first time you tried you never wanna stop
It was like a summertime first kiss
Yeah the best thing you've ever felt
Now it's locked up and chained behind rusted old bars
You keep looking around for somebody here in charge
Yeah there's no one coming
Don't you know that history repeats itself

Yeah it feels like freedom
But you don't understand
What happened to those days
With the Great American

Yeah go ahead and scream
Baby you can't believe
Just how fast this ride can go
So let down your hair
Throw your hands in the air
Close your eyes and let it all go
Catch the memories if you can
It's the Great American

Now there's nothing left
But old lightbulbs and dreams

All broken and spread out
Like the coaster's old beams
From the parking lot fence
I can't help but try to find
What's missing
It's the Great American

I'm looking for the Great American
Looking for, looking for, looking for the Great American
Looking for, looking for the Great American
I'm still out here looking for the Great American