

# Clean Cut Kid

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Everybody's asking why he couldn't adjust  
Adjust to what, a dream that bust ?

They took a clean-cut kid  
And they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did.

They said what's up is down, they said what isn't is  
They put ideas in his head that he thought were his.

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He was on the baseball team, he was in the marching band  
When he was ten years old he had a watermelon stand.

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They said, "Listen boy, you're just a pup"  
They sent him to a napalm health spa to shape up.

They gave him dope to smoke, drinks and pills  
A jeep to drive, blood to spill.

They said "Congratulation, you got what it takes"  
They sent him back into the race without any brakes.

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He bought the American dream but it put him in doubt  
Only game he could play was Russian roulette.

He drank Coca-Cola, he was eating Wonder Bread  
He ate Burger Kings, he was well fed.

He went to Hollywood to see Peter O'Toole  
He stole a Rolls Royce and drove in a swimming pool.

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He could've sold insurance, owned a restaurant or bar  
He could've been an accountant or a tennis star.

He was wearing boxing gloves, took a dive one day  
Off the Golden Gate Bridge into China Bay.

His mama walks the floor, his daddy weeps and moans  
They gotta sleep together in a home they don't own.

They took a clean-cut kid



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Everybody's asking why he didn't adjust  
All he ever wanted was somebody to trust.

They took his head and turned it inside out  
He never did know what it was all about.

He had a steady job, he joined the choir  
He never did plan to walk the high wire.

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