American politicians have scarred our good name
There are those too scared to see the terror threat hyperbole
We're not all blood thirsty, ignorant, flag waving government sycophants
See through the lies and corporate ties
We sing and we want our change

And ignoring the log in our eyes Sending thousands off to die Watch them lose their ass on page 23 Then they save their face on your TV

Got to be the good American Got to be the good American Questioning what they are selling me Questioning what they are selling me

Hell bent on nation building
Governments run amuck
In the name homeland security
It's the world wide manifest destiny
International bully with a disregard for sovereignty
I see health care shutting down
But Baghdad needs a mall downtown

How can we, how can we, how can we? How can we find the speck in our brother's eye When we are the ones going blind?

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Got to be the good American
Questioning what they have done to me
What they have done to me

How can we save anybody else when we can't save ourselves? How can we change anybody else when we failed to change ourselves? How can we give away what we don't already have anyway?

Got to be the good American I don't want to be no president Got to be the good American I don't want to be no patriot.

We can't waste
We can't waste our feelings on
If they will hate or love us
We will overcome