

The Brand New Deal

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Yes, it's fun when you're young beneath an innocent sun
And the unicorns play in the fields
And your Daddy drives slow with his Cadillac soul
His big strong hands on the wheel
And life is a dream of serene machines that all seem to care how you feel
But then you grow up and it's never enough
And money's just something to steal
It's every man for himself so grab the wealth
Feel the poor under your heel
It's a brand new deal

Then you learn it in school between the lies and the rules
The fairy tales and the charades
They must think you're a fool you know none of it's true
It's all a rigged game we play
And the banks are thieves with infinite greed and power is the coin you pay
Then countries are done it's just money and guns
And cocaine and hookers for days
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You know the law's on sale when you're too big to fail
And every congressman comes with a price
And the streets are a jail for the weak and the frail – a predator's paradise
Yes we all know how the cold wind blows and cuts like the blade of a knife
It's a zero sum game you gotta learn how to play
Learn how to load the dice
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Yes it's
Commodification
Consumerization
Deregulation
Privatization
Objectification
Sexualization
Rationalization
Overcompensation
Disinformation
Discrimination
Under-education
De facto segregation
Homogenization
Criminalization
Desensitization

Mass incarceration