

# Shut Your Mouth and Open Your Mind

Scatman John

I've been watching your performance since  
I was just a boy  
You're so diplomatic and you're actin so coy  
I see you on the TV at nite when I'm in bed  
Can a  
Blindman understand the color red?

I see you at the podium how gracefully you sway  
You're talking real clear  
but are you hearing what you say?  
Your lips keep movin talking as you walk  
But  
Everybody knows you're not walkin what you talk  
I see you eating out I don'te mean to be rude  
but you're so  
Busy reading menu's you forgot to order food...  
you're so  
Living in the image of a long forgotten dream  
You're  
Acting out the action of a bad movie scene

Your champaign slogan says you want to make a change  
You  
wanna help the hungry and the mentally deranged  
Stop being arrogant come down off you shell  
'cause you  
Can't help no-one if you can't help yourself

Shut your mouth and open your mind  
Steppin on your own shoe  
Steppin on your own shoe  
Shut your mouth and open your mind

Shut your mouth and open your mind  
Steppin on your own shoe  
Steppin on your own shoe  
Shut your mouth and open your mind  
I'm tellin you

Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah

You pretend that you listen  
you don't hear what we say  
You're so far from the truth  
you an't see the light of day  
You messed up your mind cuz you took the easy road  
and acting understanding only made you grow old

I wish that I could tell you  
the things I want to say but  
first yu gotta chip out the lies in your way

There's too many like you  
and no matter what you say  
Whoever wrote the lines forgot to throw them away

I'd really like to tell what you don't wanna hear  
man, everything you're living for  
is grounded in fear  
As long as you keep talking out the  
of your neck you'll  
never understand why your life is a wreck

Just listen to this song  
it's as close as you get to get to  
Any sense of hope you get your soul outta dept  
It effectively elaborates  
the pattern that you weave  
We all see the ace taht you keep up your sleeve

Shut your mouth and open your mind  
Easy does it boys  
he's just lost and he's blind  
Shut your mouth and open your mind  
Check it out boys he's just hard to find  
shut your mouth and open your mind  
Take it easy boys he don't know what he's sayin  
Shut you muth and open your mind  
Easy does it boys get down

Scatting

.....Yeeeeaaaaaaaahhh.....

I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah (Steppin n your own shoes)  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah (Steppin on your own shoes)  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah

Shut your mouth and open your mind  
Shut your mouth and open your mind  
(Ceck it out check it out check it out boys)  
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Your lips keep movin talkin as you walk  
But everybody knows  
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Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
I'm tellin you  
Yeah...woah  
Yeah yeah yeah yeah