

# American Dream

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This used to be a one horse town  
But the pony went away  
Ended up in China 'cause  
They make it cheaper there they say

The store fronts all are empty  
And the factory is dead  
And these streets I used to walk on  
Well now they're just my bed

And I'm going down, down, down  
I'm going down

Did a couple years of college  
But I just couldn't make it stick  
Had to come back here and help mamma  
Because daddy left when she got sick

She worked very day for nothing  
Until she turned 62  
And the same day that I buried her  
The bank foreclosed on her house too

That's my American dream  
And I've been all that I can be  
With nothing left to lose at all  
I guess I'm free  
That's my American dream, dream, dream  
That's my American dream

Now I stand here at this off ramp  
And smile as best I can  
With a sign that says Jesus loves you  
But it's hard to think he gives a damn

When they roll down their windows  
And put some spare change in my hand  
But I'd give it all right back  
To just be looked at like a man

And I'm going down, down, down  
I'm going down

When it's cold I try the mission  
On nights like this I sleep outside  
Under a bridge beside the interstate  
Where I can hear those trucks roll by

And imagine I'm inside one  
Just rolling down the road  
But I wake up just to realise  
That this place is now my home

That's my American dream  
And I've been all that I can be  
With nothing left to lose at all  
I guess I'm free

That's my American dream  
It disappeared in front of me  
With nothing left to lose at all  
I guess I'm free  
That's my American dream, dream, dream  
It's my American dream