

Steve Earle, Amerika V. 6.0 (The Best We Can Do)

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Look at ya

Yeah, take a look in the mirror now tell me what you see

Another satisfied customer in the front of the line for the American dream

I remember when we was both out on the boulevard

Talkin' revolution and singin' the blues

Nowadays it's letters to the editor and cheatin' on our taxes

Is the best that we can do

Come on

Look around

There's doctors down on Wall Street

Sharpenin' their scalpels and tryin' to cut a deal

Meanwhile, back at the hospital

We got accountants playin' God and countin' out the pills

Yeah, I know, that sucks that your HMO

Ain't doin' what you thought it would do

But everybody's gotta die sometime and we can't save everybody

It's the best that we can do

Four score and a hundred and fifty years ago

Our forefathers made us equal as long as we can pay

Yeah, well maybe that wasn't exactly what they was thinkin'

Version six-point-oh of the American way

But hey we can just build a great wall around the country club

To keep the riff-raff out until the slump is through

Yeah, I realize that ain't exactly democratic, but it's either them or us and

And it's the best we can do

Yeah, passionately conservative

It's the best we can do

Conservatively passionate

It's the best we can do

Meanwhile, still thinkin'

Hey, let's wage a war on drugs

It's the best we can do

Well, I don't know about you, but I kinda dig this global warming thing...