

## Carly Simon F/ Otis Redding III, Dexter Redding "Burnt Pride"

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Burnt Pride is a crazy thing / But now, what does it take to make you feel

me concrete? / I ain't your maitre'd, I ain't on pain relief / This ain't

make believe, I ain't on no ankle leash / I tried speaking in a rational

manner /Tried to get my point across using regular me(ans) / I even

patterned my delivery / Similarly after something you had said / So that

you would not interpret me differently, but / My head's on a tree swing /

Your debt's still lingering / While you erect gates with codes really

nobody knows / I ask, "Why's it always closed?" / I'm told it's my approach

/ Well let's suppose / just for the sole sake of argument that/ despite the

spite and all the ill will you're harboring / that me, Lyrics Born, all

this power that I'm harnessing / That I didn't come in here to no

conquering / That I came in here to do a little bargaining / Grease key

people do some apple polishing / Maybe hail a cab for my local congressman

/ so he can hook me with the landlord in parliament / Then I'll set up a

booth, hand-pick my operatives / Train 'em up, send my squad of garbagemen

/ To spread the good will, all in the environment / and all the false

doctrine and all the carcinogens, but now / I gotta be wise 'bout who I'm

targeting / The key is make the young folks offerings / so that they don't

become adults that are demonstrative / or else my chances of retirement go

spiraling / So then I work my way into their subconsciousness / I tell them

always use caution, now, cautiousness, because / Are

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you absolutely positive
that you can make it without us and be prosperous? /
You need to look at me
and my accomplishments / Hey, I got an idea, let's
start a partnership! /
It'll be just like livin' in a Harlequin / And we'll feed our
pond fishies
ostriches / we'll feed the starved kiddies self-doubt
lozenges / Just
peeling layer after layer off their confidence / until it's
one planet us
homogenous / versus one gumball you optimists!! /
Burn pride!! Burn
pride!! / Burn pride!! Burn Pride!! / Burnt Pride is a
crazy thing / What
does it take to make you feel me concrete? / I ain't your
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tried speaking in a rational manner / Tried to get my
point across using
conventional means / I even patterned my delivery
similarly after something you had said / so that you
would not interpret me
differently, but- / My head's on a tree swing / Your
debt's still lingering
/ While you erect gates with codes really nobody knows
/ I ask, "Why's it
always closed?" / I'm told it's my approach / Okay,
what's appropriate your
royal holiness? / Shall I fan you with foliage in front of
an audience? /
Hi-five Napoleon? / Lo-five a Scorpion? / Then and only
then would there
ever be an opening / Well, that's just your big, wet
blanket of power / You
weight us down with double-talk until we think we're
insane / But if you're
trying to save your pride / You're trying to save your
pride / As far as
I'm concerned that shit is going down in flames / With
your piddly-ass
riddles / You think I ain't mentally apt / I see you slither
'round my
ankle like I ain't gonna react / No more me nibblin' on a
bridle while
you're kickin' my abs / No more "everything's Ore-Ida"
when I can't even
stand / No more fiddling with the maps / No more
belittling the past / No
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more nonsense when my questions is asked / No more

concessions for an ego so fragile / Any self-expression chips away at your castle / Your pride's your damsel, you built your barricade / I was so careful /Idanced around your insecurities /on your schedule / Ignored all your absurdities / But all the people / you parody with that dogshit your nurturing / Then you have the nerve to take certain shit personally / I didn't even speak a handful and I encroached on your territory / You need therapy there mister Pharisee / seriously, 'cause apparently your circuitry's terribly damaged / How 'bout a nice hot kerosene bath / I'll come back / I'll serenade you with flaming arrows oh serpentine / Your pride needs refurbishing / I'll extend you that courtesy like- / "Hi, this is Lyrics Born servicing!"/ Burnt Pride!! Burnt Pride!!

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