

## Anais Mitchell

### "Young Man In America"

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My mother gave a mighty shout  
Opened her legs and let me out  
Hungry as a prairie dog  
Young man in America  
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Hungry, hungry, running every which way  
Young man in Americay

I come out like a cannonball  
Come of age of alcohol  
Raven in a field of rye  
With a black and roving eye  
Black and roving eye  
Ravenous, ravenous  
What you got, it's not enough  
Young man in America

Oh, shelter, mother shelter,  
Mother shelter us  
Ooh

My father was a lord of land  
My daddy was a repo man  
Put me out onto the street  
Didn't give a damn for me  
Did not give a damn  
Daddy, daddy, gonna wish you never had me  
I'm a young man

I'm growing right before your eyes  
I might grow to such a size  
Blow in like a hurricane  
Everyone will know my name  
Everyone'll know my name  
Blowing in, blowing up  
Shadow on the mountaintop  
Young man in America

Oh, shepherd, father shepherd,  
Father shepherd us  
Ooh

In my feathers and furs  
Clothes of many colors  
Many men will envy me  
When I'm in my finery  
Me in my finery  
Envy me, envy me  
Spending all my bright money  
Young man in Americay

Maybe I climb the stairs  
With a girl of golden hair  
Hold her like a sword and shield  
Up against this lonely world  
Up against the world  
It's a lonely, lonely world  
For a yellow-headed girl  
And a young man

Like the wind I make my moan  
Howl in the canyon  
There's a hollow in my bones  
Make me cry and carry on  
Make the foam fly from my tongue  
Make me want what I want  
Another wayward son  
Waiting on oblivion

Waiting on the kingdom come to meet me in my sin  
Waiting to be born again  
Mother kiss me cheek and chin  
Mmm, a little medicine  
Mmm, and then I shed my skin  
Mmm, and lemme climb back in the bed you made me  
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