

## **Bob Dylan**

# **"Clean-Cut Kid"**

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Everybody's asking why he couldn't adjust  
Adjust to what?  
A dream that bust?

He was a clean-cut kid  
And they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did

They said what's up is down  
They said what isn't is  
They put ideas in his head  
That he thought were his

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But they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did

He was on the baseball team  
He was in the marching band  
When he was ten years old  
He had a watermelon stand

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And they made a killer out of him  
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They said, "Listen boy, you're just a pup"  
They sent him to a napalm health spa to shape up  
They gave him dope to smoke, drinks and pills  
A jeep to drive, blood to spill

They said "Congratulations  
You got what it takes"  
They sent him back  
Into the rat race without any brakes

He was a clean-cut kid  
But they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did

He bought the American dream but it put him in debt  
Only game he could play was Russian roulette

He drank Coca-Cola, he was eating Wonder Bread  
He ate Burger Kings, he was well fed

He went to Hollywood  
To see Peter O'Toole  
He stole a Rolls Royce  
And drove it in a swimming pool

They took a clean-cut kid  
And they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did

He could've sold insurance, owned a restaurant or bar  
He could've been an accountant or a tennis star  
He's wearing boxing gloves, took a dive one day  
Off the Golden Gate Bridge into China Bay

His mama walks the floor  
His daddy weeps and moans  
They gotta sleep together  
In a home they don't own

They took a clean-cut kid  
And they made a killer out of him  
That's what they did

Well, everybody's asking why he didn't adjust  
All he ever wanted was somebody to trust  
They took his head and turned it inside out  
He never did know what it was all about

He had a steady job  
He joined the choir  
He never did plan to walk the high wire

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