

## Big Country

### "The Hostage Speaks"

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The desert dust was rising from a military convoy  
As it ran into the city with a cargo of despair  
It waved away the roadblocks, as it dodged among the  
car bombs  
For the cameras of the tourists in the foxhole inn

In the shadows of the ghetto there's a man beneath a  
blanket  
Being kicked into the basement with his hands behind  
his head  
They read him his confession, he agrees in his  
confusion  
Then he asks for absolution from the cameraman

There is no love in the voice of the diplomat  
He's running around in circles  
There is no fear in the word of the journalist  
He's seen it all before

I've had enough of holy men and holy wars  
I wish that I was far away from here...away...away  
Well I've had enough of holy men and holy wars  
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We hear you have a story said the fearless freedom  
fighter  
About jet fighters and missiles and the way the east  
was won  
In the street the flags are burning for the women veiled  
and howling  
And the schoolboys fire machine guns for the man  
from CNN

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On a runway west of Berlin there's a general and a  
contract

For the network man's exclusive and the sponsors  
campaign plan

In the headlights of the limo there's a smiling politician

For once they lock you up they never really set you free

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