

## Derek Webb

# "Ballad In Plain Red"

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Im robbing peter, im paying paul  
Im changing my name back to saul  
I got to them and you know I'll get to you  
Im turning shepherds into sheep  
And leaders into celebrities  
Its holy sabotage, just look around you  
Chorus  
Cause everythings for sale in the 21st century  
And the check is in the mail from the 21st century  
Don't want the song i want a jingle  
I love you Lord but don't hear a single  
And the truth is nearly impossible to rhyme  
But i know the songs with all the hooks  
And i know some lies that will sell some books  
So grab em fast, im running outta time  
Just keep selling truth in candy bars  
On billboards and backs of cars  
Truth without context, my favorite of all my crimes  
Chorus  
Bridge  
What works verses what's right  
Hey what's the difference tonight?  
Take out the sign, forget the meal  
Weve got a gym and a farris wheel  
I swear it's just like the country club down the block  
Cause you can make your life look good  
You can do what Jesus would  
But you'd be surprised what you can do with a hard  
heart  
Chorus  
Tag  
I think youve got trouble in the 21st century  
So welcome to the struggle, it's the 21st century  
I never thought I'd make it to the 21st century  
Lord, i love the 21st century  
I write these words from the grave  
Cause it's the only place that im safe  
And only the dead are permitted to speak the truth

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