

Jello Biafra

"I Won't Give Up"

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Here's to fear
'Nother circus election year
Clown-didates pretend they're human beings

Here's the ads
We vote and someone wins
That's all we're allowed to really change

Flatscreen flatscreen on the wall
Who's the best marketed of all
Best disguising what an asshole
They really are
I've had enough of this
We've had enough of this
Audacity to exploit hope for cash

I won't give up
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I won't give up
It's not an option

Ain't a fight
Red, blue, or black and white
It ain't like changing channels on TV

Ain't left or right
Or donkeys and elephants
It's the top against the bottom
That is real

The good uprisings
They seem to come in waves
Splash! Then recede
Then splash again

Don't believe the hype
We're the ones being patriotic
When we rise
To fight
Our government
When they're wrong

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While everybody around me
Feels broken down and defeated
I feel this surge of energy

I wanna rock and roll
Let my sick humor explode
Smile as I set everything on fire

So in my own small way
I'd rather make history
Than watch it on TV
So I made a vow
And you can do it now
Corporations can't have me

Insurrection
Streets, votes, with our cash
Goodbye Coca-Cola
And chain stores

Holier than thou
Whine you ain't done enough
Well, doing something's
Better than doing nothing at all

We stopped Vietnam
Got civil rights and new deals
Kuz we kept a blowtorch up their ass

All that stands in the way
Of more wars and Abu Ghraibs
Ain't messiahs
It is us

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