

Lou Reed **"Martial Law"**

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I've declared a truce
So stop your fighting
The marshal is in town
I won't put up with no big mouth yapping
At least not while I'm around
This is my friend Ace
He's from the 8th precinct
Nothing goes on that he don't know
And we've been sent
'Cause your arguments
Have been going on too long
And before one of you
Hurts the other one of you
I'm declaring martial law
I came, I saw, I declared martial law
I'm the marshal in the city
The jails are filled with people like you
You oughta listen to your diddy wah diddy
What's a girl like you doin' with that lamp
You better drop that down on the floor
And son, that isn't very smart
Kickin' a hole in that door
Hey Ace, will you take a look at this place
And get those neighbors out of the hall
I'm declaring martial law
I came, I saw, I declared martial law
I'm the marshal in the city

And if you stand away
I've got something to say
That might even help you
Keep your hands to yourself
And keep your big mouth shut
Don't you touch nobody with hate
And if all you got is poison in your mouth
Make sure that you don't speak
It's 3:30 in the morning
Don't punch, don't scratch, don't bite
Try not to take the garbage of the day
To anyplace but outside
Now me and Mr. Ace are gonna leave this place
And this fighting's gonna end

And if we're called back
I'm gonna knock you flat
And stack you end to end
I came, I saw, I declared martial law
I'm the marshal in the city
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I'm the marshal in the city
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