Dan Bern
"God Said No"

I met God
On the edge of town
Where the wind meets the stillness
Where the darkness meets the light

Where the ocean meets the sky
Where the desert meets the rain
Where the earth meets the heavens
On the edge of town
I met God

I asked God
Do one thing for me
Send me back in time
Send me to Seattle

Let me go
Find Kurt Cobain
Take away his gun
Take away his bullets

Talk to him
Make him want to live
Tell him how we love him
Help him see his glory

God said no
If I sent you back
If you really found him
You would only ask him

If he could
Help you get a deal
If he knows a lawyer
If he can help you
God said no

I asked God
Do one thing for me
Send me back in time
Send me to Berlin

Let me find
The one they call Hitler
I will stalk him
I will bring him down

I will bring along
A powerful gun
Loaded with bullets
Obliterate his memory

God said no
If I sent you back
You would get caught up
In theory and discussion

You would let your fears
Delay and distract you
You would make friends
You would take a lover
God said no

I asked God
Do one thing for me
Send me back in time
Send me to Jerusalem

Let me go
Let me go find Jesus
Let me save His life
As they try to kill Him

Let me take Him down
Down from the cross
Take the iron from His body
Try to heal His wounds

God said no
If I let you go
If you really found Him
Walking with the cross

You would stare
Your tongue no longer working
Eyes no longer seeing
Ears no longer hearing

God said Dan
Time belongs to me
Time's my secret weapon
A final advantage

God turned away
From the edge of town
He knew, I was beaten
And now was all I had

God said no