

## **Roman Candle**

# **"Why Modern Radio Is A-ok"**

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I was down at my favorite watering hole  
with a buddy of mine that was out on parole  
and we were flipping through the jukebox,  
talking how wed been and how we are.

Well hed got a library card and hed pierced his tongue  
And a buddy in prison had turned him onto Neil Young  
And he thought itd be best to play some for the entire  
bar.

Now he didnt know it but while he was in Jail  
Id had my heart broke by a woman to wondrous to tell  
And wed fallen in love to half the songs that jukebox  
played

So when he flattened his dollar on the side of the  
machine  
and I saw comes a time come on the karaoke screen  
Id realized there was a few things I had forgot to say:

Dont play Neil Young  
Dont play Van Morrison  
Just let some high school emo band start versing and  
chorusing  
Because theres no way it will break my heart as far as I  
can see  
And thats why modern radio is A OK with me.

(Over the sound of the bar noise my friend looked at  
me and said):

He said a pop song used to be a powerful thing,  
you could turn on the am and John Lennon would sing  
or Frank Sinatra would speak to all of the girls.

And you could think like a hawk or think like a dove  
or think of a winter afternoon when you fell in love and  
Ten songs on a record sounded like a string of pearls.

Now my buddy rattled on till an hour had passed  
And I thought about shoving his head through the front  
door glass

And leaving him for dead, but a friend is a friend to stay.

So I listened to him talk about Johnny and June  
And how true love goes from midnight to noon  
I bought another round just in time to hear him say:

They dont play Sam Cooke  
They dont play John Cash  
They let some high school emo band play the prettiest trash  
And theres no way it can break my heart as far as I can see  
And thats why modern radio is a sack of monkeys to me.  
He said it makes me so mad I want to get out and shout it  
And I smiled and said I hadnt thought that much about it  
and we walked out the street and parted ways

I mightve gone to a movie, but my money was spent  
so I went on home, the Lord knows where he went  
and wrote an open letter to all modern djs  
(saying)

Dont play Bob Dylan  
Dont play the Bends  
Dont play anybody thats ever heard Sir Patrick Spens  
Because broken hearted people are looking for a little something to ignore  
And that is why modern radio is better than ever before  
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