

## **Slaid Cleaves**

### **"Beautiful Thing"**

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Surrogates and shadowy henchmen galore  
Party hacks and swift-boatin' talk-show whores  
Look at all the lies it takes, the job of making kings  
You can own the truth, you just gotta conceive it  
Put it on the television screen, they'll believe it  
It's a beautiful thing  
We wonder how our leaders could ever deceive us  
While the profiteers count their cash and praise Jesus  
The press sings another chorus of "Let Freedom Ring"  
We send our boys away to come home in parts  
Believe the lies with all our hearts  
It's a beautiful thing  
Dissentation is a song only fools and traitors sing  
Just look at all the benefits your global economy brings  
Today we sing the gilded age's song  
The 20th century's dead and gone  
It's a beautiful thing  
I live in a land of hope and betrayal  
I get up each morning, try to tell the tale  
And so until my dying day whatever fate may bring  
A dark age looms, there's evil at hand  
Somehow I still believe in the goodness of man  
It's a beautiful thing

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