

## **Tay Zonday**

# **"Say No To Nightmare"**

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The devils who had done it  
We had to see them dead  
And enemies in distant caves  
Are where the headlines led

We bought our patriotic tea  
Watched our neighbors' moves  
Wore stars and stripes like rosaries  
But took anything as God

I was in the hospital  
Turned on the TV  
Saw those fires burning  
Not sure what to think

When the morning ended  
My stomach hit the floor  
Anger, pain, and vengeance  
Turned my gentle bones to thorns

A little girl approached me  
Confusion filled the room  
I asked her not expecting much:  
Whatever shall I do? She said

[Chorus]  
Nightmares will never gain  
Power over you and me  
On your doorstep, there's a new threat  
Say "no" to nightmares, "no" to fear  
[Repeat]

Our righteous grief and outrage  
Brought politicians' threats  
Unless I watched the way I vote  
They told me I'd be next

People near Ground Zero  
Some put down their sword  
But people in the heartland  
Were more scared than in New York

Diners off of country roads  
Served the fearful news  
It had nowhere to dissipate  
Except the ballot booth

[Chorus]

If the boss just laid you off  
She blamed it on that day  
Everything that wasn't right  
We all knew what to say

Everything was suspect  
And no one dared to ask:  
Were policies to win our minds?  
Or were there really threats?

Most were decent people  
Jonesing for a dose  
Of that sweet taste known as freedom  
But the fruited plain had closed

Soon kids won't remember  
My niece is only five  
But if she asks I'll hold her  
I'll sing a lullaby

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