

Mia Doi Todd "Independence Day"

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There's a battleship parked in the river
Reenacting open doors, open arms, then open fire
There are mushroom clouds and machine-gunned
copters descending
In the snap crackle pop fizzle of the fireworks
As they blast into the night air breathed in by
innumerable passengers
Screaming "We Are Number One."

Independence Day, our freedom is won
To choose our own way, when to go, what's to come
But with each tie we break, there is sacrifice
How many lives will it take ? How many loves just must
die

There's a man I just met, he hasn't kissed me yet
He reminds me of someone else, only better
But I'm made out Of wax, so easy to impress
Am I melting too fast, dripping into your lips
Because all my heroes have turned human this year
Slinking 'round pool tables, sinking into unfabled
stupors
Whispering in the night air or into some girl's hair
"I Am Number One."

There's a battleship parked in the Charles River
Shooting off fireworks that light up the world
Then fall in the water
My love's next to me, head full of the next century
And wondering whether there'll be a wedding
tomorrow
And the secret smoke signals
In the aftermath of gunpowder
Seem the most significant indication of what's to come

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