## Miss Saigon "The American Dream"

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my father was a tattoo artist in Haiphong but his designs on mother didn't last too long my mother sold her body, high on Betel nuts my job was bringing red-faced monsieurs to our huts selling your mom is a wrench perfume can cover a stench that's what I learned from the French

then it all changed with Dien Bien Phu
the frogs went home. Who came? Guess who?
are you surprised we went insane
with dollars pouring down like rain?
businessmen never rob banks
you can sell shit and get thanks
that's what I learned from the Yanks

I'm fed up with small-time hustles
I'm too good to waste my talent for greed
I need room to flex my muscles
in an ocean where the big sharks feed
make me Yankee, they're my fam'ly
they're selling what people need

what's that I smell in the air the American dream sweet as a new millionaire the American dream pre-packed, ready-to-wear the American dream fat, like a chocolate eclair as you suck out the cream

luck by the tail how can you fail? and best of all, it's for sale the American dream

greasy chinks make life so sleazy in the States I'll have a club that's four-starred men like me there have things easy they have a lawyer and a body-guard to the Johns there I'll sell blondes there

## that they can charge on a card

what's that I smell in the air? the American dream sweet as a suite in Bel-air the American dream girls can buy tits by the pair the American dream bald people think they'll grow hair the American dream call girls are lining time square the American dream bums there have money to spare the American dream cars that have bars take you there the American dream on stage each night: Fred Astaire the American dream

shlitz down the drain! pop the Champagne! it's time we all entertain my American dream!

## **ENGINEER and CROWD**

come ev'ryone, come and share
the American dream
name what you want and it's there
the American dream
spend and have money to spare
the American dream
live like you haven't a care
the American dream
what other place can compare
the American dream
come and get more than your share
the American dream

there I will crown Miss Chinatown all yours for ten percent down

ALL

the American dream!

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