

## **James E.F Landau**

### **"Hold It On"**

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(Music by John Jenkins-Stark)

They say that all of us are free,  
And that our nation is the best;  
If that were so, how could be be a people so terribly  
oppressed?  
Every last person, so they claim, is equal and all that,  
although  
They really don't treat us the same,  
And what they say just isn't so.  
Here you're a prisoner in school as autocratic faculty  
Will advantage of their rule  
And squash and mold humanity.  
And when there isn't a way out, you think of  
The psychic scars they'll cause.  
Could we do, we people, without stupid laws?  
And superficial thought abounds,  
Everywhere you go hate seethes,  
You think about it, and ever human that ever breathes .  
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Hold it on!  
Hold it on!  
Hold it on!  
Hold it on against them!  
Hold it on!  
Hold it on!  
Though Hitler died in '45, and they say he is surely  
gone,  
Dictatorship is well alive, and propaganda still lives on.  
I'm sure that we could have a more harmonic local  
neighborhood;  
But where you live, it's either poor  
Or they're too rich for their own good.  
Now, thousands way down on the street are still  
unsheltered in the  
rain;  
They need church offerings to eat,  
And spend nights sleeping in the drain.;  
Perhaps our country works for some, who all are rich,  
male and White,  
Now, are we being overcome by parties on the Right?  
Our teens today commit no crime when they protest to  
gain world peace;

Yet they end up most of the time a casualty of the  
police.  
America is something that they advertise,  
They promise us this land  
Brings all freedom and democracy,  
I know it's all hypocrisy,  
And so I decline to stand!  
Traditional sex roles and getting married now  
Are all that they discuss,  
And have your share of progeny,  
And yet I believe androgyny  
Would be much better for us, better for us, better for  
us . . .  
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