

## **Randy Newman**

### **"A Few Words"**

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I'd like to say a few words  
In defense of our country  
Whose people aren't bad nor are they mean  
Now the leaders we have  
While they're the worst that we've had  
Are hardly the worst this poor world has seen

Let's turn history's pages, shall we?

Take the Caesars for example  
Why within the first few of them  
They were sleeping with their sister  
Stashing little boys in swimming pools  
And burning down the City  
And one of 'em, one of 'em  
Appointed his own horse Consul of the Empire  
That's like vice president or something

That's not a very good example, is it?

But wait, here's one, the Spanish Inquisition  
They put people in a terrible position  
I don't even like to think about it

Well, sometimes I like to think about it

Just a few words in defense of our country  
Whose time at the top  
Could be coming to an end  
Now we don't want their love  
And respect at this point  
Is pretty much out of the question  
But in times like these  
We sure could use a friend

Hitler. Stalin.  
Men who need no introduction

King Leopold of Belgium. That's right.  
Everyone thinks he's so great  
Well he owned The Congo  
He tore it up too

He took the diamonds, he took the gold  
He took the silver  
Know what he left them with?

Malaria

A President once said,  
"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself"  
Now it seems like we're supposed to be afraid  
It's patriotic in fact and color coded  
And what are we supposed to be afraid of?  
Why, of being afraid  
That's what terror means, doesn't it?  
That's what it used to mean

[To the first eight bars of  
"Columbia The Gem Of The Ocean"]

You know it pisses me off a little  
That this Supreme Court is gonna outlive me  
A couple of young Italian fellas  
And a brother on the Court now too  
But I defy you, anywhere in the world  
To find me two Italians as tightass  
As the two Italians we got

And as for the brother  
Well, Pluto's not a planet anymore either

The end of an empire is messy at best  
And this empire is ending  
Like all the rest  
Like the Spanish Armada adrift on the sea  
We're adrift in the land of the brave  
And the home of the free

Goodbye. Goodbye. Goodbye.

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