

## **Rodney Crowell**

### **"Don't Get Me Started"**

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We ran into trouble scamming for oil  
The whole Middle East is coming to a boil  
It's the Muslims and Kurds, Bedouin herds  
Palestinians and Arabs and Jews in the news

It's too much to keep up with, it'll jangle your head  
The whole situation's running way in the red

I said, don't get me started  
I'll like as not bend your ear  
Don't get me started  
I just wanna make one thing clear

I was born in America and I'm proud of that fact  
I wish the rest of the world would get off our back  
But these slick politicians, man, you've got to admit  
Seems as crazy as bedbugs and they don't give one whit

About the man on the street with his back to the wall  
Who can't find a quarter for to make a phone call  
Meanwhile back in Washington, the champagne will flow  
Tell that to the homeless man with nowhere to go

I said, don't get me started  
I came into this bar to unwind  
Don't get me started  
I'll like as not speak my mind

The rich corporations have turned a deaf ear  
They don't care who goes hungry, they've made that much clear  
You see the trouble with people is we wanna believe  
But they can't turn a profit without tricks up their sleeve

It's the roofers and truckers, the working class suckers  
The firemen and teachers, the soldiers and preachers  
Who shoulder the blows, it comes and it goes  
A six trillion dollar debt, you pay through the nose

I said, don't get me started

I'm a drag when I've had a few drinks  
And don't get me started  
I don't care what anyone thinks  
'Cause it makes me angry

East Timor's genocide to the core  
The Indonesian legions come and give 'em what for  
When the Coalition Army doesn't come to your aid  
You might as well face it, there's no money to be made

I had a dream last night, I was secretary of defense  
And I came to the conclusion, war doesn't make any  
sense, yeah  
But nobody heard me when I tried to rescind it  
There were too many people that just didn't want to  
end it

I said, don't get me started  
You never know when I might stop  
Don't get me started  
We both need to just let this thing drop

Don't get me started  
Don't get me started, not now  
Don't get me started  
'Cause it make me angry

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