

## **Ani DeFranco**

### **"INDEPENDENCE DAY"**

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We drove the car to the top of the parking ramp  
on the 4th of july

We sat out on the hood with a couple of  
warm beers and watched the fireworks  
explode in the sky

And there was an exodus of birds from the trees  
But they didnt know, we were only pretending  
And the people all looked up  
and the birds flew around like the whole world  
was ending

And I don't think war is noble

And I don't like to think that love is like war

And I gotta big hot cherry bomb  
and I want to throw it through the mail slip  
of your front door

Don't leave me here

I've got your back now

You'd better have mine

Cause you say the coast is clear

But you say that all the time

So many sheep I quit counting

Sleepless and embarrassed about the way that I feel  
Trying to make hills out of mountains  
Building base camp at the bottom of a really big deal  
And did I tell you how I stopped eating?  
When you stopped calling me  
And I was cramped up shitting rivers for weeks  
And pretending that I was finally free  
Don't leave me here  
Now that your back  
You'd better stay this time  
Cause you say the coast is clear  
But you say that all the time  
We drove the car to the top of the parking ramp,  
on the 4th of july  
And I planted my dusty boots on  
the bumper and sat on the hood,  
and looked up at the sky

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