

## **Biafra Jello**

### **"Buy My Snake Oil"**

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I'm gettin' tired of being

Legendary and broke

And I'm too damn weird

To hold no straight job

My checkbook's feelin' unfulfilled

Being an old underground die-hard

Won't pay the kids' dental bills

My dad sez I

Gotta learn to compromise

So I figure now's about that time

Now that I've run out of things to say

That alone will make my music pay

Buy my snakeoil

I used to be so angry

I ain't gettin' any younger

Now I'm eager to please

C'mon and buy my snake oil

Til my well runs stinking dr7

I'll be your Rondo Hatton

I'll be your Dwight Frye

Get mighty jealous watchin'  
My old roommates gettin' signed  
The world owes me a living  
I want my taste of the pie  
Woh-oh oh-oh  
Buy my snake oil  
Meet my new band: Tis, Ass and Money  
The most deliberately watered down  
Meaningless music  
I have ever made  
Sing about myself 'stead of what's goin' on  
Company tells me how my records should sound  
Do what my manager tells me to  
Every inch a rockin' dude  
Random shuffling, same old cards  
Bring on the night, she done me wrong  
I love my weenie and I love my car  
Man it's such hell being a star  
I'll tour til you wish I'd go home  
Moan about my life on the road  
200 overdubs to sound sincere  
>From now on every album sleeve's  
Just a great big picture of me  
Buy my snake oil  
Critics cheer how I've matured

Got top management behind me, man  
Phone rings like never before  
"I grew up on your stuff, man  
It means so much to me  
I can hear it jinglin' now  
In commercials sellin' beer  
I got wiggle girl videos  
In heavy rotation  
If I dye my skin white enoguh  
I'll buy me the elephant man"  
Woh-oh oh-oh  
Buy my snake oil  
And remember  
You got what you pay for  
And if that doesn't work  
I got another idea  
Now that I've signed on the bottom line  
I'll call my music "Alternative" (R)  
Same word those lovely people used  
To hype the Knack in 1980  
Join the  
College dollar emo-jangle  
Spoiled white music for spoiled white people  
Pat those slackers on the head  
To stroke and profit off their fears  
"Yeh, man, it's OK

Feel sorry for yourself all day  
Life sucks 'cos it ain't easy  
Happiness should be handed to me..."  
Buy my snake oil  
Cleansed of vision and sense  
I'll bet your bottom dollar  
You'll let me get away with this  
I'll be your pregnant junkie  
Help you sell cigarettes  
Or a lonely tortured muscle hunk  
That no one understands  
Punk without rebellion  
We'll call it Grunge (R) for you  
I'll dress just like Don Henley  
And sing just like him too  
Boo hoo-oo hoo hoo-oo-hoo  
Boo hoo-oo hoo hoo-oo-hoo  
Boo hoo-oo hoo hoo-oo-hoo  
Boo hoo-oo hoo hoo-oo-hoo  
Down by the stream  
Where my babe left me  
I stand in my flannel shirt  
Looking confused  
A voice in the buses  
Says, "You got that look..."

I'm from Geffen Records

How'd ou like a million bucks..?!?"

Oh woh woh poor pitiful me

Born white in the world's richest country

I can't have my way, life is so depressing

Nothing's as important as me

And "my" girl

And if that still doesn't work

I got another idea

Give in

Ride the punk nostalgia wave

For all it's worth

Recycle the name of my old band

For a big reunion tour

Sing all those "hits' from the good old days

'Bout how bad the good old days were

And the orthodox

Fudamentalism faction of the crowd

Will say, "Horrory!"

How politically correct

He's quit trying different ideas at last

Obeying the same kind of stodgy rules

Punk used to rebel against

Buy my snake oil

This is all I've got to say

Bought it once, now buy it twice

Repackaged on CD  
Yeh, keep on buying my snakeoil  
Til my well runs stinking dry  
I'll be your institution  
Until the day I die  
Who cares if inspiration's gone  
It's safe in this here stall  
I'll give the fans just what they want  
And nothing else at all  
Woh-oh oh-oh oh  
Buy my snake oil  
Woh-oh oh-oh oh  
Buy buy buy b-b-b-buy buy  
My snake oil  
And remember  
I did it all for the scene

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