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"Activism"

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I slept through my classes and I stayed up late
Writing leaflets, painting signs to demonstrate
I wrote a message on my shirt and I wore it everyday
I'm letting everyone know what I have to say

There's a new world in my heart that I can feel
And I'm gonna work to make it real

I pasted a bunch of posters on the wall
I wrote a little message in the bathroom stall
I started up a conversation on the train
I convinced my friend's brother not to join the Marines

I wrote a song and sang it at the top of my lungs
I held a banner up til my hands went numb
I pushed my way through the barricades
Went down the sides streets and had my own parade

I saw a bunch of people looking hungry on the street
So I got a bunch of food and gave it all away for free
I stole from rich corporations and I gave to the poor
One day I won't have to do that anymore

Now there's hundreds of thousands dead in Iraq
I won't turn my head away while they're under attack
I'm a force for change, I'm an activist
I will organize and struggle for a peace that sticks

I didn't go and vote, no I didn't need to
I vote everyday through what I do
Won't give away my power to a bureaucrat
Don't need representation, I'm stronger than that

Everybody's waiting for a miracle cure
Asking everybody else when no one's sure
The answer's in your hands, that's what you gotta know
You gotta shape it, if you wanna see it grow

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