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"The Field Of Schemes"

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Buy you a ticket, I'll do the same
Gonna watch our team play a baseball game
The stadium's huge it's such a sight
The scoreboard flash, the giant lights

You got Shoeless Joe and Homeless Jane
Walking up and down the ticket line sparing for change
The fans turns their heads they don't wanna relate
It's almost game time can't they wait!

They're filling up the bleachers as quick the cells
The city tore down the projects to build hotels
So some overpaid guys could play with bats
And sell foam hands and plastic hats
It's a field of schemes

From up in the skybox you get a good view
Of the river and the lights and the houses too
Far from the flash of the fireworks show
There's a city that died a long time

But there's open spots for the sports cars
In the parking lots of the sports bars
Where there used to be homes and local shops
There's hot dog vendors and traffic cops
It's a field of schemes

Now the scoreboard lights read stay in school
The neighborhood employer is the labor pool
Sodexo and Aramark are setting the stage
Fighting over who can pay workers the lowest

The city's poor never see the cash
But they're hired by the temps to pick up trash
You see em standing out each night in lines
Just to clean the seats for 5.25

The players they arrive in limos
And they care for the sport, or so it seems
With paychecks bigger than a CEOs
It's America's sport, and oh it shows!

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If you build it, they will come,
The cops, the shops, the drugs and guns
They won't fix the schools they say they can't afford
that
But the stadium was built with public tax

So enjoy the game, don't pay no mind
To the ghetto streets of the those left behind
Just buy the food and wave your hands
There's nothing beyond the grandstands
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Now I like baseball, don't get me wrong
But the days of old are dead and gone
And now somebody's making a killer deal
And the players are playing for the dollar bill

Yeah this ain't sports that we're talking about
It's corporate-business buying it out
Stealing it the same way they stole
Hip-hip, folk and rock n' roll
It's a field of schemes

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