

## Ani DiFranco "Decree"

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Step up and forfeit  
Your frontal lobe  
To the sexed up strobe  
Of celebrity

Never mind that  
The nanoseconds in between  
Are some of the darkest darkness  
You've ever seen

Keep your eye on my finger  
And listen to the sound of my voice  
Get your subliminal decree  
And your false security

Be all that you can be  
Be all that you can be

In hospitals and schools  
Airports and banks and bars  
Big ones on street corners  
Little ones driving by in cars

And glowing through countless  
Bedroom curtains at night  
That 20k tone  
And that pale blue light

Saying, Daddy knows best  
Yes, this is the news  
In 90 second segments  
Officially produced

And aired again  
And again and again  
By the little black and white pawns  
Of the network 'Yes' men

While the stars are going out  
And the stripes are getting bent

And cancer, the great teacher

Has been opening schools  
Downstream from every factory  
Still, everywhere fools

Are squinting into microscopes  
Researching cells  
Trying to figure out a way  
We can all live in hell

Well, step back, look up  
You'll see I'm dimming the sun  
But you won't, will you?  
No, that's a good little one

'Cuz Daddy knows best  
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