

Ani Difranco "Red Letter Year"

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New Year's Eve, we dropped mushrooms and danced
around the house
Making music with everything that we found
Incantation replaced resolution
And we vowed to allow each perfection that we could
be

And the Goddess sent word that this would be a red
letter year
They didn't mention how much shit was gonna change
around here
It's just as well we weren't swollen with unfocused
dread
We had visions of sugarplums dancing in our heads
Dancing in our heads

Oh, first you go under and then coming up gives you
bends
And when you break the surface all you see is your
friends
So you grab your purple crayon and flesh out the
picture behind
And finally the whole world is made of one unbroken
line
One unbroken line

When you wake up sick as a dog with dull eyes and
really bad hair
Standing under a lit sign with the words on air
And the water is rising, it's coming in everywhere
Just remember you are there, you're always, always
there

And representing the white race a man with a monkey
for a face
Is flying over in his helicopter whistling Dixie and
playing dumb
In a town that might put a gun to your throat
Or rip the roof right off your place
There's a mold crawling up the walls and falling asleep
in your lungs

And you and I both know how to drink so
We will always have work in this town
And besides the police are stationed at the bridge
And they're preventing passage to higher ground
So let's pull up a barstool and get ourselves a ringside
seat
For one unnerving moment they're gonna show the
truth on TV

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