

Ick Slimhound & his Roadkill Attraction

# **Ameri Con Man**

**Songs**

*A Dog*

*Make Me Feel*

*America!*

*State of the Union*

*Know Us Well*

*Something from Something, Ya'll*

*What Do You Think?*

## A Dog

### **Verse 1**

**A**                          **G**                  **D**  
I came out with hair long as I was tall  
          **A**                          **G**                  **D**  
With big sharp teeth but barely bit at all  
          **A**                          **G**  
Uninterested in sinking in  
          **D**                          **G**  
Straying not often from my pen  
          **D**                          **A**                  **G**  
I almost could have sworn I was a dog

### **Verse 2**

Rolled out of the nest while still an egg  
Hatched few of my own remained unpegged  
Though when I'd hover off the ground  
My buzz would swiftly be swat down  
As dogs put others off with lifted legs  
          **D**                          **A**                  **G**  
We dogs put others off with lifted legs

### *Interlude*

**Am Dm Am Dm**

**Am Dm Em D**

### **Verse 3**

A tadpole out of puddles far too soon  
Just dancing off my tail to my own tune  
Provide punchlines for the worst jokes  
Then heard' crickets until I croak  
We're dogs we're always howling at the moon  
          **D**                          **A**                  **G**  
Us dogs we're always howling at the moon

## Interlude

**Am Dm Am Dm**

*Roof! Bark! Growl!*

**Am Dm Em D**

*Sniff! Pant! Howl!*

## Verse 4

**A G D**  
Now off the leash and walking where I want

**A G D**  
Eyes always on the ball I have not caught

**A G**  
Those moving targets give no rest

**D G**  
If only had time to reflect

**D A G**  
In a mirror I always see myself a dog

**D A G**  
In a mirror I always see myself a dog

**D A G**  
In a mirror bound to confuse me for a dog

## **Make Me Feel**

### **Verse 1**

**C** **Em**  
You make me feel the way I do  
**Am** **F**  
This way I feel is 'cos of you  
**C** **Em**  
They're strong feelings but they aren't new  
**Em** **F**  
I feel them each time I feel you

### **Verse 2**

You make my heart beat real fast  
These fast heartbeats weren't built to last  
And last heartbeats soon come too fast  
So bang this beat out while its fresh

### **Pre-chorus**

**G** **Am**  
I-I-I-I would like to make a deal  
**B**  $\flat$  **C**  
Make you feel as good as you make me feel  
**G** **Am**  
Suspicious at times too good to be real  
**B**  $\flat$  **C**  
But hey, I'll buy anything!

### **Chorus**

**C G F**  
Just call it love  
**G** **Am**  
This being beside you  
**C G F**  
What's it of  
**G** **Am**  
Does it matter to you  
**C G F**  
There's much more here  
**G Am**  
Yet never a reveal  
**C G F**  
Could this be it?  
**G** **Am**  
Is it how you make me feel?

**Verse 3**

You make my hands sweat a lot  
Sweats the wet when get hot  
Our bodies need to boil if not  
We'll undercook the goods we've got

**Verse 4**

You make me buckle at the knees  
Your sunbeams turn my limbs to trees  
I'm a sap for your next spring's seeds  
The anticipation leaves me pleased

**Pre-Chorus 2**

I-I-I-I would like to make a deal  
Make you feel as good as you make me feel  
Suspicious at time too good to be real  
But hey, I'll buy anything!

**Chorus 2**

Just call it love  
This being beside you  
What's it of  
Does it matter to you  
There's much more here  
Yet never a reveal  
Could this be it?  
Is it how you make me feel?

## America!

### Verse 2

A G  
In school sadly I was too smart  
D A  
Had too much brain brought too much heart  
G D  
Learned quickly how being bright  
A D  
Was not always what people like  
A G  
So taught myself to compromise  
D A  
Was reinforced for spreading lies  
G D  
Crafted to appease adults  
A D  
Whose ignorance was no one's fault  
A G  
Like me bred and raised to be  
D A  
Compliant without questioning  
G D  
The way things were the way they are  
A D  
Those myths that happiness is far  
A G  
Off and only within grasp  
D A  
When taking names and kicking ass  
G D  
Worship only those who've passed  
A D  
With no regard for who'll be left

### Chorus

A E A F  
America! Land of the free  
A E D C D E  
America! That's his - tor - y  
A E A F  
America! Together we  
A E D E A  
Could barely spell de- moc -rac-y

## **Verse 2**

Just forty hours and you could make  
With overtime and few mistakes  
Enough to lease two pair of wheels  
And get off wherever you feel  
Alas relaxed but fading fast  
Expectations never met  
My own limits run up against  
Skies unfulfilled and overcast  
Finally land into a plot  
And hoard away all that we've bought  
Next turn storage into space  
Make way for upgrades change in pace  
With all this switching scenery  
A task to remain blind to see  
Beyond crosswords through bullshitter  
Egads they're all fertilizers

## **Chorus 2**

America! Where grass is green!  
America! Our assholes clean!  
America! Together we  
Own all but our hypocrisy

## **Interlude**

## **Verse 3**

Maybe this is all she wrote  
Fitting to end on a dirty joke  
Began by going up in smoke  
Laid to rest on same sour note  
With discord getting deafening  
We're cruising for a wreckoning  
A ship long steered off of its course  
Will sinking make things any worse  
Once common grounds lost with each other  
Ya might as well be underwater  
Face to face searching for breath  
And just like that there's nothing left  
A promise made a promise kept  
Some consequences write themselves  
We weren't here first and won't be last  
Bought it, broke it take it back

## **Chorus 3**

America! Home of the free!  
America! That's you and me!  
America! Only we  
Can topple our autocracy!



# State of the Union

## Verse 1

**B b F**  
Crammed far too many

**B b E b**  
Words in this song

**B b F**  
When all along knew I would

**E b F E b F**  
Just need one

## Verse 2

Grab your attention  
String you along  
Ask you to hold conflicting  
Thoughts at once

## Verse 3

Don't let the friction  
Start grinding down  
Your motivations as you'll  
Need them now

## Verse 4

Everyone's searching  
For direction  
Often between mostly being  
Jerked around

## Verse 5

Enjoy the privilege  
Before it's gone  
Know every decision  
Provokes response

## Verse 6

If you're not asking  
Which woes you want  
You'll find no answers for  
the woes you've got

**Verse 7**

Life's more a fiction  
Than I'd once thought  
Stories we tell ourselves  
That's all we are

**Verse 8**

The biggest questions  
Aren't so profound  
State of our union and  
Which way we're bound

**Verse 9**

We can't escape  
Where we came from  
Eventually we'll all end  
Up in the ground

**Verse 10**

See hope and fear  
Share connections  
Knew all along how I would  
Just need one

## Know Us Well

**D em-f# G**  
**D em-f# A**  
**D em-f# G a-b**  
**A d-c# G**

### **Verse 1**

**D em-f# G**  
Why must we fight  
**D em-f# A**  
Why can't we just  
**D em-f# G a-b**  
Accept each other with  
**A d-c# G**  
All of our faults

### **Verse 2**

Know when I'm mad  
I'll kick and scream  
Most jabs held back  
Saving for within

### **Chorus**

**D A G**  
Because I don't like myself  
**D A G**  
I wish I'd been some body else  
**D A**  
I can't fathom why  
**Bm G**  
Anyone would try  
**A G D**  
To get to know me well

### **Verse 3**

Promise you won't  
Like what you find  
Unspeakable past  
Untrustable mind

### **Verse 4**

Thinking dark thoughts  
Living out fears  
Push away those that  
I most need near

## **Chorus 2**

Because I have lost myself  
Must have gone off to somewhere else  
If I'm never found  
No one will be bound  
To get to know me well

## **Interlude**

**D em-f# G**  
**D em-f# A**  
**D em-f# G a-b**  
**A d-c# G**

## **Verse 5**

Still here you are  
Remain by my side  
Weather the worst  
And hung out to dry

## **Verse 6**

No need to speak  
My turn to try  
For you I'd push boulders  
Up mountains high

## **Chorus 3**

Because I have found strength in myself  
By making love with someone else  
With so little time  
to live before dying  
Let's get to know us well

**D A**  
With so little time  
**Bm G**  
to live before dying  
**A G D**  
Let's get to know us well

# **Something from Something, Ya'll**

**C c-d-e    A c-d-e    G c-d-e    F c-d-e**

## **Verse 1**

**C**                        **A**  
Now that everybody knows  
**G**                        **F**  
The emperor is without clothes  
**G**                        **F**  
We cannot trust what we've been told  
**A**                        **G**  
Jerkoffs have long been in control

## **Verse 2**

Don't recognize the world we're in  
Begin questioning everything  
Hey listen, no one's answering  
Let's burn one down and ask again

## **Chorus**

**C    c-d-e            A    c-d-e**  
Where does all the water go?  
**G    c-d-e    F    c-d-e**  
Who can own a river's flow?  
**C    c-d-e                            A    c-d-e**  
Can something come from nothing? No!  
**G    c-d-e                            F    c-d-e**  
Something comes from something,  
**C c-d-e    A c-d-e    G c-d-e    F c-d-e**  
Ya'll                                        from something, ya'll  
**C c-d-e    A c-d-e    G c-d-e    F c-d-e**

## **Verse 3**

Only those wise 'nuf to know  
The truth we hold cannot be told  
With new digs only more exposed  
We've uncovered more covers so

## **Verse 4**

We might as well start wrapping up  
Gets colder here by the month  
With hibernation 'bout to start  
Let's slow the beating of our hearts

## **Chorus 2**

Where do you suppose bloodhounds will go?  
Their leads taken by the nose  
Can someone stop the bleeding? How?  
We're still talking about talking it out  
We're still talking it out

**C c-d-e    B c-d-e    A c-d-e    G c-d-e**  
**F c-d-e    E c-d-e    D**

## **Verse 5**

I wish I could articulate  
What it is I've been trying to say  
Get lost myself along the way  
We've all been lost along the way

## **Verse 6**

Don't recognize this world we're in  
Then something familiar sets in  
This make of matter which I am  
Comprised of stuff that's always been

## **Verse 7**

Look at that where does the time go?  
Just 'round and 'round far as we know  
All somethings need someplace to go  
Nothing comes from nothing, ya'll  
From nothing at all

## **Chorus 3**

Where does all the water go?  
Who can own a river's flow?  
Can something come from nothing? No.  
Something comes from something, ya'll

Where does all the water go?  
Who can own a riv...

**C c-d-e    B c-d-e    A c-d-e    G c-d-e**  
**F c-d-e    E c-d-e    D**  
**C**

## What Do You Think?

**F**

**C**

I keep a few of your books on my shelf

**Gm**

**B b**

Your Murakami, your Joseph Campbell

**F**

**C**

Old stories we tell in cycles we've set

**Gm**

**B b**

Think of them when brushing off dust they'll collect

That box of your music out in the garage

Likely'll be burned if not soon picked up

Need your White Blood Cells, your Speaking in Tongues

Your The Life's Pursuit for my band on the run

Though I know it's not wise I feel that I must

Hold back my thoughts and let you walk off

'Cos if you want to go know I won't object

I only want for you what you think is best

What do you think is best?

On my desk upstairs picks for your guitar

Have no use here left my hands to callous

Alone learn Sam Stone, and Life During Wartime

And Over & Done With and Money and Time

Belt them out so loud you may even hear

Start tapping your toes along out of nowhere

After all those drives finally harmonize

In some other city with some other guise

And though it won't be my life you share

If it's what you want happy you're happy there

Go ahead spend time with some body else

I only want for you what you think is best

What do you think is best?

What do you think is best?

Been writing this song to convince you stay

May not be complete until it's too late

When the end is reached there's sure to be hell

To pay clearly as ripped off all too well

But I'd weather that suit if it means getting you  
And your Ben Folds face back within my view  
The world has gone dark in need of a light  
Seems everyone's miserable all of the time

But I think you and I could have been just fine  
No cares in the world sharing air from a pipe  
Could be my Dear John and I your Saint Paul  
Making what's worse better by keeping it small

Get to catch my jokes and i your smiles  
When hooked to a fix only Styx for awhile  
'Til then tend your cats and hold a space  
As what you take with you's what can't be replaced  
Can't be replaced  
Can't be!

Someday hope to have you books on my shelf  
Paranoid science fiction self published self help  
Next story you tell here I'd like to be  
Playing it out from your passenger seat

But if you'd like to go that's your choice to make  
All are entitled to their own mistakes  
Though if you walk out now find I just might break  
Slip up and say what I'd meant not to say  
I prefer that you stay  
Why don't you stay  
Why don't you!









