

Wasteland Of The Free
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Wasteland Of The Free - Written By Iris Dement
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[Intro]

[tab]C Am G C
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab] G C
We got preachers dealin in politics and diamond mines[/tab]

[tab] G C
And their speech is growing increasingly unkind[/tab]

[tab]Am
 They say they are Christ s disciples[/tab]

[tab] F
But they don t look like Jesus to me[/tab]

[tab] C G C
And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab] G C
We got politicians runnin races on corporate cash[/tab]

[tab] G C
Now don t tell me they don t turn around and kiss them people s ass[/tab]

[tab]Am
 Now you may call me old-fashioned[/tab]

[tab] F
But that don t fit my picture of a true democracy[/tab]

[tab] C G C
And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab] G C
We got C E O s makin two hundred times the workers pay[/tab]

[tab] G C
But they ll fight like hell against raising the minimum wage[/tab]

[tab]Am

And if you don't like it mister[/tab]

[tab]

F

They'll ship your job to some third world country cross the sea[/tab]

[tab]

C G

C

And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[Chorus]

[tab]F

G

C

Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab]E

Am

Where the poor have now become the enemy[/tab]

[tab]F

C

Let's blame our troubles on the weak ones[/tab]

[tab]E

Am

F

Sounds like some kind of Hitler remedy[/tab]

[tab]

G

C

Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab]

G

C

We got little kids with guns fighting inner-city wars[/tab]

[tab]

G

C

So, what do we do, we put these little kids behind prison doors[/tab]

[tab]Am

And we call ourselves the advanced civilisation[/tab]

[tab]F

But that sounds like crap to me[/tab]

[tab]

C G

C

And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

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G

C

We got high school kids running round in Calvin Klein and Guess[/tab]

[tab]

G

C

Who cannot pass a sixth grade reading test[/tab]

[tab]Am

But if you ask them, they can tell you[/tab]

[tab]F

The name of every crotch on MTV[/tab]

[tab]

C G

C

And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

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G

C

We kill for oil then throw a party when we win[/tab]

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G

C

Some guy refuses to fight and we call that the sin[/tab]

[tab]Am

But he's standing up for what he believes in[/tab]

[tab]F

And that seems pretty damned American to me[/tab]

[tab]

C G

C

And it feels like I am living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[Chorus]

[tab]**F** **G** **C**
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]
 [tab]**E** **Am**
 Where the poor have now become the enemy[/tab]
 [tab]**F** **C**
 Let s blame our troubles on the weak ones[/tab]
 [tab]**E** **Am** **F**
 Sounds like some kind of Hitler remedy[/tab]
 [tab] **G** **C**
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

[tab]**F** **C**
 Whilst we sit gloating in our greatness[/tab]
 [tab]**E** **Am**
 Justice is sinking to the bottom of the sea[/tab]
 [tab]**F** **G** **C**
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]
 [tab]**F** **G** **C**
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]
 [tab]**F** **G** **C**
 Living in the wasteland of the free[/tab]

Chords:
Am = X02210
C = X32010
E = 022100
F = 133211
G = 355433

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