

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]

[tab]G C
We got high school kids runnin' 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]

[tab]G C
We kill for oil then throw a party when we win[/tab]
[tab]G C
Some guy refuses to fight and we call that the sin[/tab]
[tab]Am
But he's standin' 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]

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[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]

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Chords:

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

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