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Misc Unsigned Bands

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I think it sounds most accurate with power chords. x = muted string
Pick the bass note once, then strum twice each chord until the chorus,
where the strumming becomes more regular. Verse strumming: down down up
Second verse/chorus are played the same as the first ones

Intro/Outro: **Am G Am , C G C**

Am G Am x x
Of course a social relation can't be changed with a bomb
C G C
It takes more than dynamite to get folks to respond

Of course tomorrow morning if our whole system collapsed
We'd divide ourselves again on lines of gender, race, and class
But tonight I don't care if we win a million hearts
Unless we rip them out their chests and start throwing them at cars
Because tonight it's not enough to sympathize and wear pins
They count everyone who doesn't rise up as a win
Lying in bed we dream a thousand revolutionary plots
We're fucking petrified to use the bit of power we got
It's not to say it's not important to build and organize
But all talk and no act is just reaction in disguise
So some of us aren't gonna wait another thousand years
For the world to loose their crutches and to swallow their fear
Because complacency is guilt and response is overdue
Johnny, the Movement needs your heart but it needs your body, too

F C Am G
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And find a rage to live inside so full it's about to burst
Johnny, we'll shout our songs in the wreckage tonight
And smuggle our stories out through the gauntlets and bring them back to life
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A little piece of each of us inside is a cop
We try to fuck each other over just to rise to the top
And the dog mimics the master but he only eats the scraps
We whip the ones below but get cracked on our own back
There's a banker and a fascist deep in all of our bones
And it comes as no surprise because that's all that we've known
But a week ago I saw a garden in a vacant lot
I saw an empty building become a living, breathing squat
I saw partiers take over city rush-hour roads
I saw a little bit of beach underneath the paving stone
If we can manifest these situations in the street

And subvert our daily lives that we re walking through asleep
Maybe there s hope for us, too, beyond the products on sale
Beyond myths of human nature and a hundred thousand jails
Imagine tearing down the borders our society defines
Imagine what we could become given a little work and time

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