

# John reuben

SEX, DRUGS AND

## self control

jamboree

one for the treble adjust the levels/the bass got swallowed by an 808/ringtones for nickels and dimes/we don't hear music jukebox needs change/scratch your temple the kids are listening /think-tank says short attention span/people are people more than business is business/found a new marketing plan/who rocks the show 'til it's good to go/put some money in the bank and tell the crowd thanks/come on and jamboree/nickel and dime music machine/even if it's a tough pill to swallow/entertainers, role models/cowbells, tambourines/somebody's listening/come on everybody good times get ready/decorate the room...confetti/we celebrate not to escape/both feet on the stage ready to engage/point to the sky like you know where to aim/wish it was as easy to keep the faith/willing to say god will make way/but it's a dangerous place to get paid to motivate/isolated booth soundproofed with a mattress/soundman turn me up are we tracking/in good conscience if it's alright/step out the booth and find a spotlight/couldn't afford a ticket so i stole the show/cool, can i kick it like a pair of steel toes/change my shoes once i'm through the door/like mr. rogers to be more comfortable/working hard on a real good time/if you don't mind come on clap your hands/i wanna party without saying party/control the crowd without making demands/

no be nah

let your yes be yeah/and your no be nah/we're on fire/on fire burning bridges/we don't have plans on crossing back again/come on and spell it out/put the words in our mouth/if it is what it is easy listening/be quick in few words or less /sound-bite me don't take that out of context/speak loud make sure your heard/attention-getters rule the world/take this line off the song/put it on a bumper sticker/billboard blanket statement guilty by association/black and white gave grey an ultimatum/conversation interrupted/open to interpretation end of discussion/hold on to the stereotype then bring it back/when it's time to say i told you so look how they act/come on play it cool dance around act a fool/try and build a case off the exception to the rule/

burn it down

burn it down build it back/it's bound to crash/stand back watch it collapse/let's start from scratch/my big brother's hip with a pager/package of razors/shaved my face warm water dull blade/peach fuzz black becoming of age/formed an opinion joined in the conversation/think on your own why you still got the motivation/smell it on our breath/young-uns want to have fun/package of cinnamon gum/johnny reubonic fresh off the tongue/old school hip hop/adidas and tube socks/boom box in the boon docks/harass rednecks bump the cops/down by the creek/philosophical potheads/just say no just a guess/had the opposite effect/we made plans to be genius nomads/put a spare pair of boxer shorts in my book bag/found God called him friend/my plans changed again/went crazy lost my mind/felt peace in desperate times/convinced i'm not confused/followed the truth without proof/went looking for absolutes/rediscovered a new found youth/package of matches/happy accidents/dancing on ashes in the basement when the roof caves in/starting over gaining closure/this is not the end /but the beginning of something better/let's pretend/

in the air

over thinking over thinking to much time idle mind/made yourself depressed practicing perfect/stood stagnate as time was passing/sun shining in the medicine cabinet/detached from my body trying to re-engage/with a sharpened mind and a child like faith/get out of your head and find some interaction/hello how you doing thanks for asking/something's in the air tonight/i was on the phone/making plans calling friends/are you all alone/when the world catches up/it'll be too late/hey now look out/hey now look out/set in your ways it's hard to see how things can change/repeat these steps until it's a habit/watching from a distance losing interest/see the world different anything can happen/like little children feeling brilliant/watch the evening sky split into a million/conversation pieces/your imagination speaking/putting possibilities into categories/swore to live life with no regrets/we expected and planned for the best/learned how to take it as it comes instead/thrill to thrill joy kill go numb/doesn't matter now whether we weep or laugh/i've been a lot of different people/meet me in the middle we'll dance until the feeling's back/

paranoid schizophrenic apocalyptic whisper kitten

no words spoken will go unnoticed/happy as we've ever been/quiet friend silent companion/the ghost inside in your head/hallelujah/miracles for fools/hallelujah/nothing left to prove/hallelujah/when the spirit moves/i wasn't looking for relevant religion/the demons i know have got plenty of style/run for the hills stay for a while/leave your personality behind/paranoid schizophrenic apocalyptic whisper kitten/working on some brand new fabric/polyester satin linen/when it comes to improvements/old money funds new movements/reach inside your bag of tricks/the next healthy alternative/for what it's worth/greener artificial turf/if that magic doesn't work/culture whores ask for more/hallelujah you've been rejected/brother every thing's exhausted/at least you know where to go/when you don't have any more options/

town folk

town folk left a note we tore your poster down/last time around the sheriff chased me out of town/somebody say hey why am i here/one-armed scarecrow booked me for the county fair/i'm in the hills of pennsylvania/playing a show for no one/they said the kids would come/let's take the money and run/say that you love me/show me on the dance floor/if it's important prove it on the dance floor/we left in a van on a 2 month tour/my friend's been overseas 5 years of war/inspirational singer motivational speaker/in one ear out the other/i don't have no easy answers/opening act is an art band/painting pictures banging trash cans/celebration of the arts/i just don't know how important you are/was it young and naive change the world do you believe/here's to hoping that its more than wishful thinking/sun shines through the night shed some light on your dreams/we found a new way to succeed/

confident

hey johnny hey johnny what a good day johnny/that's what i tell myself i'm put together pretty well/starting off on a positive note buddy/so we can reach the end with high hopes/hey johnny hey johnny what a good day johnny/that's what i tell myself it comes together pretty well/walked into the room don't know who you are/feel it out when emotions are flawed/i got my mind made up so seal the deal/i'm confident/i got my mind made up that's how i feel/i'm confident/dreamers visionaries living vicariously/hypothetically speaking about how good we could be/what you lack in confidence make up in energy/tonight where gonna party through insecurity /limited vocabulary can't think engagingly/talking incoherently till somebody's hearing me/social anxiety bar keep drink/music fills the room makes me wanna sing/look good feel good smell right find a wife do a dance socialize/yes you can unless you can't/i think i can i think i can/positive reinforcement/

everett

oh man i don't want to brag/but my red pen writes real good raps/about to tear it up like arts and crafts/speak for yourself if no one else will/brilliance won't announce his brilliance/false humility didn't know he was pretentious/choose your words wisely can i kick it/break bread and fellowship with cultural critics/i wrote a song for the summer saved it for the winter/crayon glitter color in the big picture/so simple man not a simpleton/we get by bare minimum/all i want is a little bit of land/house and a fam and a number-one jam/to take over your stereo/imaginations captivated/party people motivated/don't make it so complicated/pens and needles 48 bars to fill/sharpened pencils scribbling yes ya'll/writers block bang my head against the wall/nothing good to say say nothing at all/i wrote a song for the summer/saved it for the winter/crayon glitter color in the big picture/my friend everett he told me/don't trust a man that cannot be/at the bottom of a joke/dig deep hide behind the mystique/angst finds knowledge knowledge finds a scene/irrelevant religion pleads legitimacy/we chose not to take ourselves too seriously/cluttered virtue fashion for simple truth/ideas first or the people they serve/keep quiet while you learn/raise your voice if you're sure/with enough authority to put it in a verse/

radio makes you lonely

bold, bright in the lights/flashes by caught your eye/saved you a spot in line/anxiously waiting outside/oh, man, that's my jam/two-dollar cover get your hand stamped/through the door hit the floor/dance, dance, party/radio, radio/makes you lonely/broken records spinning/looking for a new routine/get in where you fit in/20-somethings magazine/drift away on dreams for few/cut your teeth on the moon/you're coming down soon/hi, full of surprise/like i just left watkins memorial high/spare change, enough to survive/on a full-time gig, loving life/when that gets old, we'll soon follow/still stuck inside the club/toy guns in strip mall pubs/wishing we were more adventurous/big city baby thirty is twenty/move to the beat like you're in a hurry/mid-life crisis happens early/everything that you want to know/a little rebellion's better than settling/sex, drugs and self-control/act like you belong/people to meet places to go/all together harmonious arrangement/everybody gets lost in the mix/navigating through the crowd/looking for an audience/

so sexy for all the right reasons

i was lost in my own world/trying to figure out hers/i got away for the evening/looking for some company/oh my God she's beautiful/right on time/if the feeling's mutual/we'll redefine/i had nothing to say/words seem to get in the way/so sexy for all the right reasons/little devil's got beautiful eyes/oh my God she's beautiful/right on time/if the feeling's mutual/we'll redefine/oh yeah we can get going/oh yeah take me away/oh my pretty woman/perhaps maybe someday/my best friend was a pretty women/we stayed out late exploring the city/good times appropriately wasted/she left town to further her education/i got involved in positive entertainment/on the road life is short don't waste it/picture her late night star gazing/listening to syndicated radio stations/

wooden whistle man

hey wooden whistle man/whittles wooden whistles for the kids/futures short on time to give/strikes up a conversation/hey wooden whistle man/eager to share his opinion/licks his finger spits in the wind/point me in the right direction/hey wooden whistle man/whittles wooden whistles in his garden/safe place to escape/falls in love all over again/hey wooden whistle man/brand new suit jacket and pants/whistles at the women in style/dressed for success and romance/i bought your slacks for a quarter at a thrift store

down the street/put a patch on the knee called it my steez/tonight we make history/mic check one two  
take me back/whistle man songs from the past/mom smiles children laugh/we take notes for future  
scraps/la di da, la da di da/hanging on/nostalgia keeps you from/old age yesterday/walk away when the  
feeling's gone/hey wooden whistle man/sees the son he abandoned/i'm willing to listen even if i'm not  
him/whistle why you work it out abstract summary/flash back scrap book photo shopping  
memories/lullabies till we loose our mind/got old one song at a time/world changed one song at a  
time/album died one song at a time/nothing's beautiful anymore/sings out his favorite show tune/tonight  
something classical is brand new/

joyful noise

i told a lie to the liar inside/who was telling lies to me/everything is gonna' be alright/until it's something  
i believe/make a joyful noise/clapping broken hands/feeling over-whelmed/standing outside myself/oh  
my low expectation/don't take advice from a miserable man/wounds from a friend or an enemy's  
kisses/tough love likes to shoot from the hip/i'll be right here/going nowhere/waiting patiently/faith is a  
gift/clarity is terrifying/

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