

A Simple Desultory Philippic Chords by Paul Simon

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(How I Was Lyndon Johnsoned Into Submission)

Words & music by Paul Simon 1965

[Verse 1]

G **Bb**
I was Union Jacked, Kerouac'd
C **Eb**
John Birched, stopped and searched
G **A7** **C** **D**
Rolling Stoned and Beatled till I'm blind
G **Bb**
I've been Ayn Randed, nearly branded
C **Eb**
Communist 'cos I'm lefthanded:
G **A7** **G** **C Eb G G** **C Eb G G**
That's the hand they use, well, never mind!

[Verse 2]

G **Bb**
I've been Walt Disneyed, Dis Disleyed
C **Eb**
John Lennoned, Krishna Menoned
G **A7** **C** **D**
Walter Brennan punched out Cassius Clay
G **Bb**
I've heard the truth from Lenny Bruce
C **Eb**
and all my wealth won't buy me health
G **D** **G** **C Eb G G** **C Eb G G**
So I smoke a pint of tea a day

[Verse 3]

F
I knew a man his brain so small,

G
 He couldn't think of nothin' at all.
C
 He's not the same as you and me.
F
 He doesn't dig poetry. He's so unhip that
G
C
 When you say Dylan, he thinks you're talkin' about Dylan Thomas,
 Whoever he is.
F
G
 The man ain't got no culture,
 But its alright, Ma,
C
 It's just sumpthin' I learned over in England.

[Verse 4]

G
Bb
 I've been James Joyced, Rolls Royced
C
Eb
 Mick Jaggered, silver daggered
G
A7
D
 Andy Warhol won't you please come home?
G
Bb
 I've been mother, fathered, aunt and uncled
C
Eb
 Tom Wilsoned, Art Garfunkled
G
A7
G
 Barry Kornfeld's mother's on the phone
G
Bb
 When in London, do as I do
C
Eb
 Find yourself a friendly haiku
G
D
G
 Go to sleep for ten or fifteen years