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ANTHONY GOMES

HIGH VOLTAGE BLUES



PAINTED HORSE

I'm badder baby than Jessie James
Ride the deck of your hurricane
Tip my hat when I pass you by
'Scuse me mama while I kiss the sky

Feel the power of my soul sonic force
Well I ride into town on my painted horse
My painted horse

I get down with the man in black
Through a burning ring of fire to Hell and back
I've been running with the Iceman too
I'm a six string outlaw call me Rebel Blue

Feel the power of my soul sonic force
Well I ride into town on my painted horse
My painted horse

Bang bang bang giddy up bang bang
Bang bang bang giddy up bang bang

I'm badder baby than Jessie James
Ride the deck of your hurricane
Tip my hat when I pass you by
'Scuse me mama while I kiss the sky

Feel the power of my soul sonic force
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My painted horse

Bang bang bang giddy up bang bang
Bang bang bang giddy up bang bang

FUR COVERED HANDCUFFS

My baby went shopping on the internet
Said she got me something special
Something I wouldn't forget
When I opened up the box

I didn't know what to think
There were two furry bracelets
Chained up in hot pink

I'm all tied up I can't get enough
She really rocked my world with her
Fur covered handcuffs
Fur covered handcuffs
Can't get enough of those fur covered handcuffs

She got my heart and soul
Under lock and key
Said I'm gonna tie you up boy
And then I'll set you free

I'm all bound up I can't get enough
She really rocked my world with her
Fur covered handcuffs
Fur covered handcuffs
Can't get enough of those fur covered handcuffs

My baby's so fine you know I can't resist
She said nothing says love
Like being bound at the wrist - give me a kiss

My baby played a game of catch and release
She said if you hear me scream don't call the police

Fur covered handcuffs
Fur covered handcuffs
Can't get enough of those fur covered handcuffs
I'm all tied up I can't get enough
She really rocked my world with her
Fur covered handcuffs
Can't get enough of those fur covered handcuffs
She got the stuff she got the fur covered handcuffs

BLUES-A-FIED

I've been blues-a-fied
The blues comes in and knocks you down
Don't see it coming 'til you hit the ground
Oh babe you had me hypnotized
Since I met you baby I've been blues-a-fied

What goes up must come down
I just came back mama for another round
Hey babe this time I done got wise
Since I met you baby I've been blues-a-fied

Well I'm qualified I paid my dues
I'm bona fide baby for what you put me through
Here I am I'm your man
I'm in the ring to take one last swing

Well I'm qualified I paid my dues
I'm bona fide baby for what you put me through
Here I am I'm your man
I'm in the ring to take one last swing

Gonna fight for love 'til the last bell rings
It ain't over mama 'til the big girl sings
Oh baby if you kick me down I'm gonna rise
'Cause since I met you baby I've been blues-a-fied

BORN TO RIDE

Born under those rising signs living life crossing lines
Flying out to the horizon on that big slab skyline
All the gypsy tour's a coming
Freewheel burning big road running
Hit it hard and hammer down
Free riders come a gunning
Together on this run we won't stop 'til we're done

We were born to ride
The grip of the tread pulls us through curves ahead
As we cross the great divide
Born to ride I'm gonna keep riding

Riding two up taking flight
Passing tar snakes spitting bites
Living on a fool's paradise
I believe I can outrun my last rites
Whether ninety-nine percent or one
It's the same road we all run
Might be heaven sent might be hell bent
But we're burning down to the same sun
Together on this run we won't stop 'til we're done

We were born to ride
The grip of the tread pulls us through curves ahead
As we cross the great divide
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PEACE, LOVE & LOUD GUITARS

It takes all kinds to make the world go 'round
All we gotta do is find some common ground
You ain't gonna find it on the battleground
Sometimes you gotta turn it up to get the low down

We're here to make music not war
There's three things worth fighting for

Peace, love and loud guitars
Peace, love and loud guitars
If we rock it right we won't have to fight
Gonna turn it on and turn up the lights
I want peace, love and loud guitars

We've got a long way to go but we've come so far
Come join the band 'cause you're a superstar
You can't win the battle without a scar
Put your guns down pick up a guitar

We're here to make music not war
There's three things worth dying for

Peace, love and loud guitars
Peace, love and loud guitars
If we rock it right we won't have to fight
Gonna turn it on and turn up the lights

I want peace, love and loud guitars

I know you want it
You really really want
We're gonna rock it
And they ain't gonna stop it

When words fail six strings can speak
Gonna take our message to the streets
From Montreal to Mozambique
Everybody clap your hands and stomp your feet
I want peace, love and loud guitars

Peace, love and loud guitars
Peace, love and loud guitars
If we rock it right we won't have to fight
Gonna turn it on and turn up the lights

I BELIEVE

Living in troubled times things are getting heavy
A change is gonna come now people get ready
Hey now we need some understanding
Hey now gotta tell me where you're standing

Love will find a light in the darkest night
I know oh oh I believe in love

Politicians lying keeping us divided
The dogs of war don't want to see us united
Hey now we need some understanding
Hey now gotta tell me where you're standing

Love will find a light in the darkest night
I know oh oh I believe in love
Pick you up when you hit the ground
Ain't no wall it can't tear down
I know oh oh I believe in love

Everybody looking for a scapegoat or a savior
If you want the truth just look into the mirror
Love will set you free

Love will find a light in the darkest night
I know oh oh I believe in love
Pick you up when you hit the ground
Ain't no wall it can't tear down
I know oh oh I believe in love
I believe in love I believe in love

Love will pick you up
Pick you up and never
Never let you down no
Tell me do you believe in love
I believe in love
I believe in love

RED HANDED BLUES

It was party time last Friday night
Johnny's getting married had to send him off right
Told the girls we were going to the fishing hole
But we went to the nightclub
Where the girls dance on a pole

We partied all night long and headed back on our way
But waiting in the parking lot was Johnny's fiancée

Caught red handed not like we planned it
Lord what we gonna do
We're so busted she's disgusted
Heaven help us through
Done telling white lies now you can color me true
Got caught red handed got the red handed blues

She kicked Johnny to the floor said that ain't right
Smelling like cheap perfume
The morning of our wedding night
He said I'm sorry baby I'll never tell another lie
She said how you gonna look our preacher in the eye

He said take me to that preacher now
And dump me in holy water
'Cause I've been sticking dollar bills
Down the g-string of his daughter

Caught red handed not like we planned it
Lord what we gonna do
We're so busted she's disgusted
Heaven help us through
Done telling white lies now you can color me true
Got caught red handed got the red handed blues

Whoa oh whoa whoa whoa whoa oh
Whoa oh whoa whoa

They said I do and everything turned out right
She said I better not catch you fishing next Friday night

Caught red handed not like we planned it
Lord what we gonna do
We're so busted she's disgusted
Heaven help us through
Done telling white lies now you can color me true
Got caught red handed got the red handed blues

TURN IT UP!

I was baptized by the blues saved by Muddy Waters
Gave me the blues in technicolor
I got Mississippi lightning in my soul
I was raised on the thunder of rock 'n' roll

Coming to your city let the music take control
If you can't feel the blues you got a hole in your soul

Turn it up kick it down
Tell everybody we've come to rock this town
Turn the spotlight on the crowd
Gonna turn it up turn it up loud

Don't try to stop me once I start
I got a blues soul and a rock 'n' roll heart
Ain't gonna stop 'til the day I die
Just like B.B. King and Buddy Guy

Coming to your city let the music take control
If you can't feel the blues you got a hole in your soul

Turn it up kick it down
Tell everybody we've come to rock this town
Turn the spotlight on the crowd
Gonna turn it up turn it up loud

Turn it up kick it down
Tell everybody we've come to rock this town
Turn the spotlight on the crowd
Gonna turn it up kick it down
Tell everybody we've come to rock this town
Turn the spotlight on the crowd
Gonna turn it up turn it up
Tune in turn on turn it up loud
Tune in turn on turn it up loud

BLUES IN THE FIRST DEGREE

You say you love me like no one else can
Say that I'm your one true love
If you don't count your other man
Oh babe please your love baby is killing me
And you're guilty of the blues in the first degree

I've been doing hard time
By the way you've been treating me
And I've got no parole from this pain and misery
Oh babe please your love girl is killing me
And woman you're guilty
Guilty of the blues in the first degree

I'm gonna take the stand
And I'm gonna raise my right hand
And then I'm gonna testify baby
About how you mistreated me
I'm gonna make my plea
To the judge and to the jury
And then I'm gonna tell the warden
Tell the warden to lock you up
And throw away the key
'Cause you're guilty
Guilty of the blues in the first degree

HELL & HALF OF GEORGIA

Everybody talking all over town
People telling me you're messin' around
Oh baby I know what's going on
'Cause Hell and half of Georgia
Know you're doing me wrong

You think you're sly so undercover
But everybody knows I'm not your only lover
Oh girl I've known the truth all along
'Cause Hell and half of Georgia
Know you're doing me wrong

You called up the butcher
When you need some meat
You see the furnace man baby
To turn up the heat
But one day karma's gonna come a knocking
Knock you back on your feet

Mmm - ahh - mmm - mmm - ahh
Mmm - ahh - mmm - mmm - ahh

You think your love's got me hypnotized
You're such a player that I don't realize
But baby you should put down that bong
'Cause Hell and half of Georgia
Know you're doing me wrong

Your sister said she knows what I should do
Your cousin came by now she wants to do it too
Oh girl I'm gonna bang a gong
'Cause Hell and half of Georgia
Know you're doing me wrong

Wrong wrong doing me wrong
Wrong wrong doing me wrong
Hell and half of Georgia
Know you're doing me wrong

DARKEST BEFORE THE DAWN

I was born all alone
In the darkness I couldn't find my way home
And you were my only light
But since you've been gone the pain cuts me like a knife
Your words keep me strong through my darkest day
Even though you're gone I can hear you say

Keep on holding on it's darkest before the dawn

I'm so lonely - lonely and blue
I'm just trying to live without you
Your words keep me strong through my darkest day
Even though you're gone I can hear you say

Keep on holding on it's darkest before the dawn
Your love shines a light on me - keep on keep on
It's darkest I can still hear you say baby

BLUES CHILD

Daddy bought me a guitar so we both could play
I said you're slowing me down you gotta get outta my way
I got the blues daddy deep down in my soul
It's like a fire that's burning out of control

I'm a six string slinger a juke joint singer
Daddy I was born to play
I was born a blues child - I was born a blues child

Mama it ain't easy but you gotta let me go
The highway's calling my name it's hard but we both know

I'm a six string slinger a juke joint singer
Mama I was born to play
I was born a blues child I'm a blues child

I'm a six string slinger a juke joint singer
Mama I was born to play Daddy I was born to play
I was born a blues child I'm a blues child
Had it in the cradle gonna take it to the grave

WHITE TRASH PRINCESS

Sweet little thing from Texarkana
Drives a pickup truck and wears a pink bandana
Keeps a loaded gun right next to her Bible
She's part hillbilly - part super model
She's so fine a blind man could see
She's redneck royalty

She's a white trash princess trailer park dream
White trash princess I'm gonna make her my queen
Oh oh yeah she's a white trash princess
Oh oh yeah she's a white trash
Pa pa pa pa pa pa pa princess

It's like the good Lord and the Devil made a deal
Daddy's little angel is hell on high heels
Hey pretty mama let's get down to business
I've been praying to my trailer park Jesus

Send me a white trash princess
White trash princess I'm gonna make her my queen
Oh oh yeah she's a white trash princess
Oh oh yeah she's a white trash
Pa pa pa pa pa pa pa princess

I was standing at the corner
of sixty-nine and main
She rolled down her window and
Said boy what's your name
I said I'll tell you mama
If you tell me where you're headed to
She said I'm going anywhere
As long as it's with you
So I climbed inside her truck and I shut the door
She was wearing a husband beater
And not a whole lot more
She said if I take you home boy
Would you come inside
I want you to rock my trailer it's double wide

She's a white trash princess...

REBEL HIGHWAY

All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
My six string by my side

There's a stretch of road called Interstate 40
If it could talk it could tell you some stories
About outlaws come and gone
For rhythm and blues you head west to Memphis
Go back east kick down some fences
Sing this roadhouse song
Riding out from the backwoods of Tennessee
This diesel's humming sweet soul harmony

All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
My six string by my side
All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
Blue lightning by my side

Got all I need either side of Jackson
Burning the breeze ready for action
Like the legends before me
The line is drawn every mile we're on
The children sing their fathers' song
It's the highway's legacy
Now's my chance to make these steel strings shine
Something tells me that I'm the next in line

All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
My six string by my side
All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
Blue lightning by my side
Nothing gets me higher than beat up wood & wire

Somewhere between the end of the evening
And just before the sun comes up
There's a bittersweet and lonely feeling
Intoxicating tomorrow's waiting

All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
My six string by my side
All I wanna do is ride down that rebel highway
Blue lightning by my side
All I wanna do is ride down the rebel highway