## Amen

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Amen, AmenI'm siphoning gass from the high school bus Into the tank of my beat-up bug So I can drive away from the shouting and miseryI drive into the night, to the hill, to the water tower To lie on my back and drink in the meteor shower Knowing that many men have lain as I do now Ptolemy, Copernicus, Carl Jung pondering his existence Pondering, Is God with me now? And I look to the sky, and I ask these questions Yes, I feel something I don't understand Can somebody say Amen? Can somebody say Amen? My life is but a short and precious seed Like three seasons of life in a leaf on a tree And when I cascade to the ground I will not be done I will mingle with the earth and give life to the roots again Can somebody say Amen? And I look to the sky, and I ask these questions Yes, I feel something I don't understand Can somebody say Amen? Can somebody say Amen? Can somebody say Amen? Amen for the drivers in their garbage trucks Amen for our mothers, for the lust to fuck Amen for the child with innocent eyes Amen for Kevorkian and the right to dieAmen for NASA, The NSA, it's all a front anyway Amen for Marilyn Manson, Saddam Hussein Amen for America and the Milky Way Amen for Elvis, for Betty Page Amen for Gloria Steinem and Ronald Reagan Amen for O.J., Clinton too Amen for the Republican witch hunt coup Amen for Gandhi, for Malcolm X Amen for the uprising of the weaker sexAmen for Babylon, the third world's call Amen for the unity of us all Amen, Amen, AmenAnd I am not unique, we are all leave on this great big tree This tree that is life, that is God, that is you, that is me And I lie under my tree like the Buddhas before and after me And I ask the stars, "What for?", yes, I feel something I can't explain A light that flickers off and on againAnd I look to the sky and I ask these questions Yes, I feel something I don't understand Oh, can somebody say Amen? Can somebody say Amen? Can somebody say Amen? Amen, Amen, oh Amen

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