

What's Up karaoke by 4 Nonblondes <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tE4sIRkXRBA>

WHAT'S GOING ON? lyrics by Walter Williams (c) Walter Williams 2012
[Use a Bob Dylan style singer]

People say our country is the best on earth,
A place where everyone is equal from birth,

And I know this is the basis for democracy.

We talk about freedom and equality.
But we treat different races so vindictively.

And I wonder how all that could happen.

We took the land from Indians and won't give it back
Put Africans in slavery, hate anyone black

And I think about all those contradictions.

Now immigrants have to bear the hate and the fear,
They only want a better life, It's why they came here

We all know, our economy needs them..

But we spend so much money to keep outsiders out.
Two thousand mile wall is expensive no doubt.

Yet our ancestors came here in exactly the same way.

Our history is ironic, and I hope you all know,
That much of this land was once part of Mexico.

And I wonder how, we can tell them they can't stay.

In addition we know, if we open our eyes,
Faggots, dykes and trannies are the ones to despise.

There's no right for them to say, my life is mine.

And if you are a person of a younger age,
And you're caught having sex, everyone's in a rage.

You're a juvenile delinquent, and you lose your liberty.

There's no freedom to love, the person you choose.
If their age is not the same as yours, you have much to lose.

And I think about this, and the limits of democracy.

**We live in a country that has so much wealth.
But the lives of many would suggest something else**

And I question what that means for equality.

**The rich can prosper, and I'm not against that,
But if everything favors an aristocrat,**

I wonder how long this democracy can hang on.

**They say cut taxes, that they need to be low.
I've been hearing this, since a long time ago.**

So the rich get tax breaks, while the poor get nothin

**With schools overcrowded, and health clinics too.
I just don't see what they want us to do.**

Every child should have a good education.

**The rich get richer, while the rest of us,
Are just barely surviving, that is hardly just.**

And I ask again, what is equality?

**Politicians talk, and they say they're for us,
But the big corporations are who they trust.**

for the laws they pass, and their contributions.

**They say there's no money for healthcare and schools
Nurses and teachers have to go without tools.**

But there's plenty of funds to build more prisons.

**And they always find money if they start a new war,
Send our kids overseas, where they see so much gore,**

And I wonder why we're always fighting somewhere.

**Our armies are in places that I'll never see,
Invading countries that just want to be free,**

Of our blockades and our occupations.

[delete?] Why not use that money for real needs?

If equality means that everyone has, An equal chance and no underclass,

Then we owe all people, some consideration.