

# Todd Snider, Talkin' Seattle Grunge Rock Blues

(chorus)

hey, hey, my, my  
rock and roll will never die  
hang your hair down in your eye  
you'll make a million dollars

well i was in this band goin' nowhere fast  
we sent out demos but everybody passed  
so one day we finally took the plunge  
moved out to seattle to play some grunge  
washington state that is  
space needle  
eddie vedder  
mudhoney

now to fit in fast we wear flannel shirts  
we turn our amps up until it hurts  
we've got bad attitudes and what's more  
when we play we stare straight down at the floor  
wowiee  
pretty scary  
how pensive  
how totally alternative

now to fit in on the seattle scene  
you've gotta do somethin' they ain't never seen  
so thinkin' up a gimmick one day  
we decided to be the only band that wouldn't play a note  
under any circumstances  
silence  
music's original alternative  
root's grunge

well we spread the word through the underground  
that we were the hottest new thing in town  
the record guy came out to see us one day  
and just like always we didn't play  
it knocked him out  
he said he loved our work  
he said he loved our work but he wasn't sure if he could sell a record  
with nothing on it  
i said tell 'em we're from seattle  
he advanced us two and a half million dollars

(chorus)

well they made us do a video but that wasn't tough  
'cuz we just filmed ourselves smashin' stuff  
it was kinda weird 'cuz there was no music  
but mtv said they'd love to use it

the kids went wild, the kids went nuts  
rolling stone gave us a five-star review said we played with guts  
we're scorin' chicks, takin' drugs  
then we got asked to play mtv unplugged  
you should have seen it  
we went right out there and refused to do acoustical versions of the  
electrical songs we had refused to record in the first place  
then we smashed our shit

well we blew 'em away at the grammy's show  
by refusing to play and refusing to go  
and then just when we thought fame would last forever  
along come this band that wasn't even together

now that's alternative  
now that's alternative to alternative  
i feel stupid  
and contagious

well our band got dropped and that ain't funny  
'cuz we're all hooked on drugs but we're outta money  
so the other day i called up the band  
i said boys i've taken all i can  
shave off your goatees  
pack the van  
we're goin' back to athens