

# Ani DiFranco, Independence Day

we drove the car to the top of the parking ramp  
on the 4th of july  
we sat out on the hood with a couple of warm beers and watched the fireworks  
explode in the sky  
and there was an exodus of birds from the trees  
but they didnt know, we were only pretending  
and the people all looked up, and were pleased  
and the birds flew around like the whole world was ending  
and i don't think war is noble  
and i don't like to think that love is like war  
and i gotta big hot cherry bomb, and i want to slip it through the mail slot  
of your front door  
don't leave me here  
i've got your back now  
you'd better have mine  
cause you say the coast is clear  
but you say that all the time  
so many sheep i quit counting  
sleepless and embarrassed about the way that i feel  
trying to make mole hills out of mountains  
building base camp at the bottom of a really big deal  
and did i tell you how i stopped eating?  
when you stopped calling me  
and i was cramped up shitting rivers for weeks  
and pretending that i was finally free  
don't leave me here  
now that your back  
you'd better stay this time  
cause you say the coast is clear  
but you say that all the time  
we drove the car to the top of the parking ramp,  
on the 4th of july  
and i planted my dusty boots on the bumper and sat out on the hood,  
and looked up at the sky