

Rodney Crowell, The Obscenity Prayer

Give to me my time and money, give to me my milk and honey
Give to me my self respect, golden chains around my neck
Give to me my super model, corporate jet and champagne bottle
Get me out there on the town, let me spread my wealth around

I could learn to love this life I lead
Just don't take away the things I need
I feel rosey, in the pink, so please don't make me stop and think
All those dark thoughts in my head seem better left unsaid

Give it to me
Give it to me. Give it to me

Give to me my latest fashion, make my lover burn with passion
Give to me my charm and wit, keep my body young and fit
Give to me my haute couture, give the world a cancer cure
Serve my breakfast al fresco, let the wine and liquor flow

I can search for truth some other time
But right now I just want to get what's mine
Let the gangsters rule the street while
Teachers try to make ends meet
I despise all bleeding hearts, I don't patronize the arts

Give it to me. Give it to me
Give it to me. Right now

"I don't understand what it is they're trying to say
Or what it is they're trying to tell me
They're trying to get me to show some compassion
Man that is so out of fashion"

Give to me my Aspen winter, sorry about the World Trade Center
I can't help the ones in need, I have my own mouth to feed
Give to me my playboy channels, killer weed and sheets of flannel
Lay me down upon my bed with pleasant dreams to fill my head

Just look at what this world is coming to
And there ain't one damn thing that I can do
I don't have a leg to stand on, I don't have a net to land on
I don't have a base of power, I don't have the extra hour

Give it to me. Give it to me
Give it to me. Right now

Give to me my tax cut outsource
Build me my own private golf course
The Dixie Chicks can kiss my ass
But I still need that backstage pass
Give to me my NASDAQ numbers
Intel shares and E-trade blunders
Soldiers to defend my freedom
And a script for valium if I need 'em

Give it to me. Give it me
Give it to me. Right now