Independence Day for a Petty Thief

House of Heroes

The summer that I turned 16 I had my Independence Day Snuck down to the rich neighborhood Near the fireworks displayGreen lawns washed in black All reflecting exploding light We crept up to a house big and white With the backdoor open wideThere's no honor among suburban paupers Independence Day for a petty thief Independence Day for a scoundrelYoung and old they stared like zombies At the red and blue and gray Every soul was in the bleachers About four blocks awayFrom inside it sounded like thunder claps Or a town being laid to waste My heart was beating a boom, boom, boom As we filled up our pillow caseFree, dumbIndependence Day for a petty thief Independence Day for a scoundrel Independence Day for a petty thief Independence Day for a scoundrelThe summer that I turned 16 I had my Independence Day

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