



can't keep johnny down cloisonné never knew love old pine box

advance tracks
from "join us" the new
album from
they might be giants

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and have been joined by
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dan miller guitar
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can't keep johnny down

outnumbered a million to one
all of the dicks in this dick town can't keep johnny down
men piled up in a towering mound
none of them once has found a way to keep johnny down
spending days by myself remembering slights
i'm not a monument to justice, plus which, i don't forget a face
and they can't, can't keep johnny down
they haven't yet built the man that'll keep old johnny down

some dude hitting golf balls on the moon
bathroom in his pants and he thinks he's better than me
i'm pointing a finger at my own face
they can't know what's in here and they can't keep johnny down
beneath my dignity to flip off the guy
when he pulls up alongside to
say my gas cap is unscrewed
and they can't, can't keep johnny down
they haven't yet built the man
that'll keep old johnny down
and they don't, don't know what i've seen
can't know what's in here
and they can't keep johnny down

cloisonné

1234
mind your business
mind your business
mind your never-shut quonset-hut business
my craft is explodin'
it's like i'm making cloisonné
chokin' on my dust with my three blind cats
you have a friend in law enforcement
don't go calling law enforcement
business
mind your business

got too busy explainin'
now it's just raining pain
pain in the form of raindrop
yes, a raindrop made of pain
tell 'em the story, raindrop
"i don't want to tell 'em, mister!"
tell 'em the story, raindrop
"i don't want to tell 'em!"
keep your voice down
keep your voice down
keep your window-shakin' godforsaken voice down
i'm sick of this beeswax
i'm sick of these second-story sleestaks
breathing on my dice
giving me backrubs
when i'm deep in concentration
you start gettin' all conversatin'
sleestak
what's a sleestak?
that's your heart attack, towel rack fallback
you got no doctors
all your doctors have gone home
what's a sleestak?
what's a sleestak?
you have a friend in law enforcement
don't go calling law enforcement
cloisonné



never knew love

i never knew love could be like this
i never knew love could be like this
i go around thinking i'm a genius
but i never knew love could be like this

cartography is not my métier
and the mountainsides of daydreams too steep for me today
lovers lost before us and most did not return
the few so hale and hearty now broken down and burned

i never knew love could be like this
was anyone else but me surprised?
how anything happens is mysterious
and i never knew love could be like this

biography is all they understand
no semaphore or secrets or just good old pretend
now they all are sleeping but this keeps us awake
these words they need safekeeping
a promise not to break

i never knew love could be like this
i never knew love could be like this
i go around thinking i'm a genius
but i never knew love
has there ever been love?
oh, i never knew love could be like this

old pine box

they tried the handcuffs but they won't lock
electrical courses but they won't shock
you pulled the fire alarm
you tried punching a cop
you're just too tired to stop
you old pine box

you old pine box
with your head full of rocks
sharp like a cracked flower pot
you old paper hat
on your skull full of bats
what's the percentage in that?
you old pine box

they called the relations but they declined
they called the fan club but they'd resigned
left your car in a field
and some questions behind
your mom thinks you're out of your mind

over the falls and into the drink
the barrel breaks and we slowly sink
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