

## THE RINGMASTER-PUPPETEER

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(#48)

1. "Come one, come all," said the ringmaster-puppeteer,  
"Come march to the sound of my voice;  
That's it, step right up, you have nothing to fear,  
Keep your eye on the pendulum, you have no choice." \*
2. "I can lull you to sleep, I can snap you awake,  
take you into the deep, give me all I don't take;  
Help the needy, don't be greedy, I can help you along,  
dance to me, I'll set you free -- same old song."
3. "I can downsize you, mesmerize you, make neighbors despise you,  
you've no power to resist, I insist;  
If you start to catch on, I'll just twirl my baton —  
like a wand dazzle your mind with some new twist."

### [INSTRUMENTAL]

4. "March in lock step, that's it, genuflect here and there,  
don't take your eyes off the trinket — don't you dare.  
You'll have all the liberty, you can see, just ask me,  
have I ever steered you wrong, whoop-dee-dee !"
5. "You can't blink, you can't think, without asking my permission,  
everything you have, give thanks, it comes from U. S.! †  
We can take all you make, just put in your requisition  
if you want a little back — and pray we'll 'bless'."

### [INSTRUMENTAL]

6. "Ah, my sheep, sound asleep, got you right where we want you,  
just a few handouts, and there, you're in our snare !  
The mere thought of loss of crumbs of dross we give out, stays to haunt you,  
don't you worry about a thing, you're in our care !"
- TAG:** ". . . But don't you dare, fail to pay, '*your fair share*' !  
And your children's, and their children's,  
and their children's, and their children's . . ."

7. [BEGIN VERSE 1, REPEAT AGAIN, AND FADE OUT]

### [END]

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\* Instrumental turnaround between each verse as desired

† Voice each letter separate : "U" then "S"