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Speak up

This is not a political song like so many recent others
This is not a screed about how we were messed up by our mothers
This is not a self-righteous rant for some kind of social change
You may think me petty, but so what that's not so strange

I'm not asking you to speak up, speak out for your convictions
I don't feel that apathy is some kind of dereliction
In fact I feel the opposite, self-righteousness' a ruse
Those who preach the way to live are those who oft abuse

I'm not really interested in what you have to say
I want the attention, i don't care what you convey
This is song is not an anthem that will ring in out in the streets
I'm not keeping score about your victories and your defeats

So here is what I'm telling you when i say to speak up
I simply cannot hear you, lest you are standing real close up
too many Ramones concerts, I'm growing deafer by the week
So when I say speak up it's 'cause I cannot hear you speak

Speak up
My earing are ringing
Pardon me
Was that you singing?
Talk more slowly
Enunciate
Slowly, slowly
huh?