

# Tension

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[Chorus]

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Tension, it's all that I know  
I got tension out in traffic  
I got tension in my exercise  
I got tension and it's everywhere that I go

[Verse 1]

After the bad guy killed off all the under-developed characters  
The good guy put a bullet right through his head  
The screenwriter stood up and he told us  
That all the loose ends had been covered  
He said "Justice is irrelevant  
"Violent problems need violent solutions  
"Cause in America, we like our bad guys dead"  
It's called "box office," baby  
It's bigger than the Stones

[Verse 2]

Well, they roped off almost all of my problems  
And they pointed their fingers at drug addiction  
'Cause they know that if you're the one that's doing the pointing  
Nobody's probably looking at you  
But you know, this war on drugs is funded  
By tobacco and alcohol commissions  
It's not what drugs you're strung out on they care about  
So much as whose  
People still dig drugs  
I mean, y'all do anyway, I'm over it

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Tension, it's all that I know  
I got tension in my courtroom  
I got tension in my classroom  
I got tension and it's everywhere that I go

[Verse 3]

When Rock 'n' Roll first came around, preachers all went crazy  
Pretty soon, though, that wasn't enough to bring people in the door  
So, now they jump on just about any scandal that they can to try and save me  
'Cause they know I don't buy that bullshit about the "Devil's music" anymore  
Republicans  
That's what scares people these days  
That, and uh, Democrats

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