

# So Long, Democracy!

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$\text{♩} = 88$  Dm

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a key signature of one flat (Dm) and a tempo of 88 beats per minute. The second system starts with a key signature change to C major. The third system starts with a key signature change to A minor. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, and the piano accompaniment is shown in the bass line. The lyrics are: 'It hap-pened to us in Ju - ly, Two Thou-sand Twen - ty Four. De - Oh, once we were a na - tion proud, with he - ri - tage so strong, with The ty - rant ri - ses high. His an - i - mos - i - ty he whets. He So now, my friend, be sure to watch out; a new age has dawned. De -' The second system continues the lyrics: '-mo-cra-cy. it died that day, and law would rule no more. The high-est court with hu-bris is - sued a tra-di-tion of re-spect for law held for so long. Our lead-ers we did keep in check and sends his forces in so they will car ry out his threats. "As sas - si - nate my ri - val. From the -mo-cra-cy is dead now, and the rule of law is gone. No more you can trust our great lead - er' The third system continues the lyrics: 'its de-cree so raw: The pre-si-dent would be a king and sit a - bove the law! No hold ac-count-a - ble, un - til the check on ty-ran-ny six jud-ges then did pull. No out-come I'm im-mune. A mi - li - ta - ry coup I'll lead. Oh, what a won-drous boon! Go or - der to up-hold. A re - ci - pe new for au - to - cra - cy he has been doled. Now'

4 C Dm

7 C Am

10 Dm C

need to do what's right and stay with - in his powers dealt. No, what - e - ver he did, the force of  
 more will our great na-tion's lead-er be held to ac-count for what - e - ver the vil-lain - y he  
 round up all my en - e - mies and throw them all in jail. Just try to stop me if you wish, 'twill  
 you can live in fear to wond-er what may be in store, now that with great im-pu - ni - ty our

13 Dm

law would not be felt. No crime could he com-mit that would cause him to jus-tice face. No,  
 should de-cide to mount. Yes, from now on our lea - der, king, will be gi-ven free reign to  
 be to no a-vail. No, you can't do a damned thing, be-cause it is now a fact; for  
 laws he can ig-nore. Go weep and wail; au - to - cra - cy has claimed our na-tion's soul, be-

16 Em Am Em CHORUS: Dm Am

he could claim that on of - fi - cial ac-tions it was based. Solong, De-mo - cra-cy. Good  
 use his po-wers for mis-deeds, no mat-ter how in - sane!  
 what I've done I will walk free. 'Twas an of - fi-cial act!  
 -cause of a high court that has run so out of con-trol!

19 Em Dm Em Dm G

bye to rule of law. In de - cep-tion's and be - tray-al's web now we are caught.

22 CHORUS:  
Dm Am Em Dm Em

Solong, De-mo - cra-cy. Good bye torule of law. Our coun-try proudandmigh-ty fallsdown

25 Am

to theshy-ster's plot!