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Ai Weiwei, 'Dumbass'

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Chinese artist Ai Weiwei turns dissident action into creative output. He's just released "Dumbass," a music video that recounts his time in prison.

Ai Weiwei write the lyrics with music by Zuoxiao Zuzhou. The video was shot by brilliant cinematographer Christopher Doyle, whose film credits include *Hero* and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

To get a glimpse of the 798 Arts District in Beijing, where Ai currently lives and works, see this photo essay.

English translation of lyrics

When you're ready to strike, he mumbles about non-violence.

When you pinch his ear, he says it's no cure for diarrhea.

You say you're a mother-fucker, he claims he's invincible.

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Fuck forgiveness, tolerance be damned, to hell with manners, the low-life's invincible.

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Oh dumbass, oh such dumbass! Oh dumbass, oh such dumbass!

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Lalalala, lalalalala Lalalalala, lalalalala

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Stand on the frontline like a dumbass, in a country that puts out like a hooker.

The field's full of fuckers, dumbasses are everywhere.

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