

Forgive Them Father

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Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us
Although them again we will never, never, never trustDem now, know weh dem do, dig out
yuh yei while dem sticking like glue
Fling, skind, grin while dem plotting fah you
True, Ah Who?Forgive them father for they know not what they do
Forgive them father for they know not what they doBeware the false motives of others
Be careful of those who pretend to be brothers
And you never suppose it's those who are closest to you, to you
They say all the right things to gain their position
Then use your kindness as their ammunition
To shoot you down in the name of ambition, they doForgive them father for they know not
what they do
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Why every Indian wanna be the chief?
Feed a man 'til he's full and he still want beef
Give me grief, try to tief off my piece
Why for you to increase, I must decrease?
If I treat you kindly does it meant that I'm weak?
You hear my speak an think I won't take it do the streets
I know enough cats that don't turn the other cheek
But I try to keep it civilized like Menelik
And other African czars ovserveing stars with war scars
Get yours in this capitalistic system
So many caught or got bought you can't list them
How you gonna idolize the missing?
To survive is to stay alive in the face of opposition
Even when they comin' gunnin'
I stand position
L's known the mission since conception
Let's free the people from deception
If you looking for the answers
Then you gotta ask the questions
And when I let go, my voice echoes through hate ghetto
Sick of men trying to pull strings like Gepetto
Why black people always be the ones to settle
March through these streets like Soweto
Like Cain and Abel, Caesar and Brutus, Jesus and Judas
Backstabbers do this
Forgive them father for they know not what they do
Forgive them father for they know not what they doIt took me a little while to discover
Wolves in sheep coats who pretend to be lovers
Men who lack conscience will even lie to themselves, to themselves

A friend once said, and I found to be true
That everyday people, they lie to God too
So what makes you think, that they won't lie to you
Forgive them father for they know not what
they do
Forgive them, forgive them
Forgive them father for they know not what they do
Forgive them, forgive them
Gwan like dem love while dem rip yuh to shreds
Trample pon yuh heart and lef yuh fi dead
Dem a yuh fren who yuh depen pon from way back when
But if yuh gi dem yuh back den yuh mus meef yuh end
Dem noh know wey dem do
Dem no know, dem no know, dem no know
Dem no konw, dem no know wey dem do

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