

# Black Steel

## Jah Shaka

I got a letter from the government the other day  
Opened it and read it, it said they were suckers  
They wanted me for their army or whatever  
Picture me givin' a damn, I said, never  
Here is a land that never gave a damn  
About a brother like myself because I never did  
I wasn't with it but just that very minute  
It occurred to me, the suckers had authority  
Cold sweatin' as I dwell in my cell  
How long has it been? They got me sittin' in the state pen  
I gotta get out, but that thought was thought before  
I contemplated a plan on the cell floor  
I'm not a fugitive on the run  
But a brother like me, begin to be another one  
Public enemy servin' time, they drew the line y'all  
They criticize me for some crime  
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Many switch in, switch on, switch off  
Nevertheless they could not understand  
I am a black man and I could never be a veteran  
On the strength of situations, I'm real  
so I'm lookin' for the steel, looking for the steel  
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