

# So They Invented Race

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So they invented race and made themselves different  
From those they banned from grace  
They invented race by writing difference in the airThey invented race and carved it in a language  
Tattooed it in space and wrote it on skin  
So they made up race and programmed it in their cashAnd the air's dark in our mouths  
It's a bitter light  
And the skin fades from our sight  
People's faces into formsSo they made-up exotic  
And wrote it in color  
On parchment backs  
As adventure maps, yeahSo they shattered my world to a million pieces  
But I hold on to each piece and I number them all  
I won't let my children's smiles be shattered into dustAnd their currency's contempt  
And their power laughs  
And the skin fades from my sight  
People's faces into formsSalt sown into day  
Dark sown in the land  
Blindness sown in our hopesSo they invented race, divide down their [Incomprehensible]  
And made their case in fear and pain  
So they invented race and we'll invent clarity againAnd the air's dark in our mouths  
It's a bitter light  
And the skin fades from our sight  
People's faces into formsAnd their currency's contempt  
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