

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 air
They 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 cash
And the air's dark in our mouths
It's a bitter light
And the skin fades from our sight
People's faces into forms
So they made-up exotic
And wrote it in color
On parchment backs
As adventure maps, yeah
So 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 dust
And their currency's contempt
And their power laughs
And the skin fades from my sight
People's faces into forms
Salt sown into day
Dark sown in the land
Blindness sown in our hopes
So they invented race, divide down their [Incomprehensible]
And made their case in fear and pain
So they invented race and we'll invent clarity again
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It's a bitter light
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