

# Tings An' Times

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Duped, doped  
Demoralized  
Dizzied, dozed  
TraumatizedBlinded by resplendent lite of love  
Dazzled by di firmament of freedom  
Im couldn deteck deceit  
All wen it kick im in im teetIm couldn cry khorupshon  
An believe inna man  
Im nevvah know bout cleek  
Im did umble an meekIm nevvah know intrigue  
Im nevvah inna dat deh league  
Im nevvah andahstan  
Dat on di road to sawshalismYu could buck-up nepotism  
Im wife dangerous  
Im bredda tretchero  
An im kozn very viciousDuped, doped  
Demoralized  
Dizzied, dozed  
TraumatizedNow like a fragile fragment af lite  
Trapped inna di belly a di daak nite  
Like a bline man stuicified an dazed  
Last an alone in a mystical mazeFi days, upan days  
Upun days, upun days  
Watch I'm driffin craus di oweshan of life  
Widoutn ruddah nar hankah nar sailFi days, upan days  
Upun days, upun days  
Cail im flumm af di tides a di times  
If yu like bus inna di labyrinth af ife, if yu likeDuped, doped  
Demoralized  
Dizzied, dozed  
Dozed penalizedShip wreek gense di sons of di tides a ch times  
Meditorim pan di bud ale days  
Face doun pan di gleumin sea shore  
Not soh certn not soh sure like beforeDi salt a di sea pan di son inno im eye  
An im would qi R houk if am could cry  
Di soun of di surge of di sec  
Harmonize wid di swonnin bamboo treesAn im brains jus a fick all kine a touts now inno ir  
Like dem despalfirote days of defiance  
Wen young rebels did a fite gense oppreshon

Won young rebels did a fling flowbom  
 Won dem march wid dem honnolas raised  
 Chuntn freedom chonfin justike chonfin bled on fich  
 Wen nuff crucial mail dicl a blaze  
 Tekkn di struggle to a higholb stage  
 Doped, demoralized  
 Dizzied, dozed  
 Porolized now wos bup  
 Wenp, mosh-up im mise-up  
 Kotch-up on sit up  
 Wid im hen pun im low, on im bed a heng down  
 A konsideh ow young mbels get ole ow  
 Some sell dem soul some get lef out in di cole  
 Some get elevate some get depreciate  
 Some fun miggles clans some a gamble race hams  
 Some a try fi live clean some get vicious on mean  
 Some plaque wid dout some still a R# it out  
 Won on two a fife di struggle in dem bed  
 Lead di lecdohless inno dem bed  
 Win di revolueshon in dem bed  
 Oil a fun prime ministch in dem bed  
 Duped, doped  
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 Now im wombiffin pondobrin konsidolfinn  
 Posin oil kine a riddle to imself like  
 Now dot wi come out o, di won foam dern  
 On timer on fowchune been some c wi fren  
 Now dot wi got wi council fifint  
 On wi dis on wi dot  
 Wi colloh nee vee on oil di mod con  
 Now dot wi create some space  
 On nuft a wi own a fickle place  
 Now dot wi got M mp on wi black ip  
 Blacks pan di radio, blocks pan fee vee  
 Wi si on wi load an wi mbe  
 A figot wi figot or a it dot?  
 Do wi need onnofidoh mused  
 Fi neck wi crops di sea  
 An a gwoon weak cmos oonu free ocou free  
 As wi entch di twerorfirst century  
 Or wi long peas dot deh era dot dela stage  
 On is each an owywon who hoffi rise now  
 Fi meet di downin of a diffinpont age?  
 Int woz wandohdn jordalfirm konsidelinn  
 Wen im hear 9 vice like di win seh  
 A jus tings on times wandohs on sines  
 But noh get mystic be realistic  
 On im hein a nex vice like di sea seh  
 Sometimes di pugent owedoh of decoy  
 Signal sch bran new lib defi pan di way

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