Gimme Hope Joanna

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Well Jo'anna she runs a country
She runs in Durban and the Transvaal
She makes a few of her people happy, oh
She don't care about the rest at all
She's got a system they call apartheid
It keeps a brother in a subjection
But maybe pressure can make Jo'anna see
How everybody could a live as one[Chorus:]
Gimme hope, Jo'anna
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'Fore the morning come
Gimme hope, Jo'anna

Hope before the morning comeI hear she make all the golden money

Hope, Jo'anna

To buy new weapons, any shape of guns

While every mother in black Soweto fears

The killing of another son

Sneakin' across all the neighbors' borders

Now and again having little fun

She doesn't care if the fun and games she play

Is dang'rous to ev'ryone[Chorus:]She's got supporters in high up places

Who turn their heads to the city sun

Jo'anna give them the fancy money

Oh to tempt anyone who'd come

She even knows how to swing opinion

In every magazine and the journals

For every bad move that this Jo'anna makes

They got a good explanation[Chorus:]

Even the preacher who works for Jesus

The Archbishop who's a peaceful man

Together say that the freedom fighters

Will overcome the very strong

I want to know if you're blind Jo'anna

If you want to hear the sound of drums

Can't you see that the tide is turning

Oh don't make me wait till the morning come(Chorus)

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