

Forgive Them Father

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Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
That trespass against us
Although them again we will
Never, never, never trust Dem noh know weh dem do
Dig out yuh yei while dem sticking like glue
Fling, skin, grin while dem plotting fah you
True, ah who? Forgive them father for
They know not what they do
Forgive them father for
They know not what they do Beware the false motives of others
Be careful of those who pretend to be brothers
And you never suppose it's those who are closest to you, to you They say all the right things to gain their position
Then use your kindness as their ammunition
To shoot you down in the name of ambition, they do, oh Forgive them father for
They know not what they do
Forgive them father for
They know not what they do Why every Indian wanna be the chief?
Feed a man 'til he's full and he still want beef
Give me grief, try to thief off my piece
Why for you to the increase, I must decrease? If I treat you kindly does it mean that I'm weak?
You hear me speak and think I won't take it to the streets
I know enough cats that don't turn the other cheek
But I try to keep it civilized like Menelik And other African czars observing stars with war scars
Get yours in this capitalistic system
So many caught or got bought you can't list them
How you gonna idolize the missin'? To survive is to stay alive in the face of opposition
Even when they comin' gunnin' I stand position
L's known the mission since conception
Let's free the people from deception
If you lookin' for the answers then you gotta ask the questions And when I let go, my voice echoes through the
ghetto
Sick of men trying to pull strings like Geppetto
Why black people always be the ones to settle
March through these streets like Soweto Like Cain and Abel, Caesar and Brutus
Jesus and Judas, back stabbers do this Forgive them father for
They know not what they do
Forgive them father for
They know not what they do It took me a little while to discover
Wolves in sheep coats who pretend to be lovers

Men who lack conscience will even lie to themselves, to themselves
A friend once said and I found to be true

That, "Everyday people, they lie to God too

So what makes you think that they won't lie to you"Forgive them father for

They know not what they do

Forgive them father for

They know not what they doForgive them, forgive them

Gwan like dem love while dem rip yuh to shreds

Trample pon yuh heart and lef yuh fi dead

Dem a yuh fren who yuh depen pon from way back when

But if yuh gi dem yuh back den yuh mus meet yuh end

Dem noh know wey dem do, dem noh know wey dem do

Dem no know, dem no know, dem no know

Dem no know, dem no know wey dem do

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