

# More Whitewashing

## Chumbawamba

Children in school forced to the desk  
Finger the atlas and study the text  
Lies and opinion presented as fact  
Taught to accept, and never to ask  
Those smiling workers in Ladybird books  
They're not picking coffee at all  
They're busy with bricks and mortar  
Building the company wall  
Flickering pictures hypnotize  
We spend our lives watching others' lives  
Too much watching to realize  
That this is a smokescreen  
And this is why people die  
Those smiling news presenters  
They're not reading cue-cards at all  
They're busy with brush and bucket  
Whitewashing the company wall  
Set yourself up and play it again  
Force the tears and entertain  
Sing about a world of make-believe  
Force this charity and leave  
Rich people who claim to know  
What's wrong with this world  
Can't know anything at all  
They're busy giving the orders  
For us to build their second homes  
Flickering pictures hypnotize  
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And we who take the orders  
And refuse to question it all  
We're busy with spade and Bible  
Burying the poor  
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Mass-manufactured and given away  
Blinkers to get you through your day  
So you'll never ever know to what extent you're involved  
Easily fooled, all your problems solved  
You'll say starvation has nothing to do with you  
You saw it in print, so it must be true  
And the documentary explained it all  
It's a simple matter of birth control  
And if you send a little money you can sleep tonight  
Or starve in sympathy on a Limmits Diet  
And you know that charity cures malnutrition  
And hunger put the sparkle back in television  
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