

Mi Revalueshanary Fren

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mi revalueshanary fren is nat di same agen
yu know fram wen ?fram di masses shata silence
staat fi grumble
fram pawty paramoncy tek a tumble
fram Hungary to Poelan to Romania
fram di cozy cyassle dem staat fi crumble
wen wi buck-up wananada in a reaznin
mi fren always en up pan di same ting
dis is di sang im love fi sing :Kaydar
e ad to go
Zhivkov
e ad to go
Husack
e ad to go
Honnicka
e ad to go
Cauchescu
e ad to go
jus like apartied
wi av to goawhile agoh mi fren an mi woz taakin
soh mi seh to im :wat a way di eart a run nowadays, man
it gettin aada by di day
fi know whey yu stan
cauz wen yu tink yu deh pun salid dry lan
wen yu cteck a stack yu fine yu ina quick-san
yu noh notice ow di lanscape a shiff
is like valcanoe unda it an notn cyaan stap it
cauz tings jusa bubble an a bwoil doun below
strata seperate an refole
an wen yu tink yu reach di mountain tap
is a bran-new platow yu goh buck-upmi revalueshanary fren shake im ed an im sigh
dis woz im reply :Kaydar
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Cauchescu
 e ad to go
 jus like apartied
 wi av to gowell mi nevah did satisfy wid wat mi fren mek reply
 an fi get a deepa meanin in di reaznin
 mi seh to im :well awrite
 soh Garby gi di people dem glashnas
 an it poze di Stalinist dem plenty prablem
 soh Garby leggo peristrika pan dem
 canfoundin bureacraetic strategems
 but wi haffi face up to di cole facks;
 im also open up pondora's bax
 yes, people pawa jus a showa every awa
 an eyrybady claim dem demacratik
 but some a wolf an some a sheep
 an dat is prablematic:
 nah tings like dat yu woulda call dialectic ?mi revalueshanary fren pauz awhile an im smile
 den im look mi in mi eye an reply :Kaydar
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 Zhivkov
 e ad to go
 Husack
 e ad to go
 Honnicka
 e ad to go
 Cauchescu
 e ad to go
 jus like apartied
 wi av to gowell mi couldn elabarate
 plus it waz gettin kinda late
 soh in spite a mi lack af andastandin
 bout di meanin a di changes in di eas
 fi di wes nonediless
 an aldow mi av mi rezavayshans
 bout di cansiquenses an implicashans
 espehsaally fi black libaraeshan
 to bring di reaznin to a canclushan
 ah ad woz to agree wid mi fren
 hopein dat wen wi meet up wance agen
 wi coulda av a more fulla canvahsaeshansoh mi seh to im, yu know wat ?
 im seh wat ? mi seh :Kaydar
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jus like apartied
soon gaan

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