I Tried

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I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
To make them understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they just can't understandI tried and I tried and the Lord know I tried
To make them understand
I tried, oh tried how I tried
But they just can't understandThe more victimization is up on their back
The more foolish they becomes
The more victimization is up on their back
They satisfy Lord for lessI tried, oh Jah how I tired
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they just can't understandPoor God, people
When will they ever learn?This one turn them fool, that one turn them fool
So what are they waiting for
Fix up yourself and prepare to meet Jah
That will satisfy Lord for moreI tried, oh Jah how I tried
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they just can't understandFather die in pain, Mother die in pain
Slavery continue
They say we have no right no where
In no corner of the worldAnd I tried to make them notice
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried to make them know
But they just can't understandTwenty-four hours make one day, they told us
Seven days make a week
And out of all that they hold 365 days
They can only name you seven daysI tried, I tried and I tried
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they just can't understandWe beat drums at night, we beat drums by day
They take no heed
The church bell a-ring and the children a-sing
And them still satisfy Lord for lessI tried and I tried
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they still can't understandSon is waiting at condemned cell for his sentence
You know

Father in the field can't find nothing
And mother nah no moneyI tried, I tried and I tried
But they just can't understand
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried
But they just can't understandMy Daddy was sure, my Mommy was poor
Ain't got no money
Still no bother me, all I need to see
Is love and unity

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