Inglan Is A Bitch

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Inglan is a bitch
Inglan is a bitchw'en mi jus' come to Landan toun
mi use to work pan di andahgroun
but workin' pan di andahgroun
y'u don't get fi know your way aroun'Inglan is a bitch
dere's no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
dere's no runnin' whey fram itmi get a lickle jab in a big 'otell
an' aftah a while, mi woz doin' quite well
dem staat mi aaf as a dish-washah
but w'en mi tek a stack, mi noh tun clackwatchah!Inglan is a bitch
dere's no escapin it
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noh baddah try fi hide fram itw'en em gi'you di lickle wage packit
fus dem rab it wid dem big tax rackit
y'u haffi struggle fi meek en's meet
an' w'en y'u goh a y'u bed y'u jus' cant sleepInglan is a bitch
dere's no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch fi true
a noh lie mi a tell, a truemi use to work dig ditch w'en it cowl noh bitch
mi did strang like a mule, but, bwoy, mi did fool
den awftah a while mi jus' stap dhu ovahtime
den aftah a while mi jus' phu dung mi toolInglan is a bitch
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y'u haffi know how fi suvvive in itwell mi dhu day wok an' mi duh nite wok
mi duh clean wok an' mi duh dutty wok
dem seh dat black man is very lazy
but it y'u si mi wok y'u woulda sey mi crazyInglan is a bitch
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y'u bettah face up to itdem have a lickle facktri up inna Brackly
inna disya facktri all dem dhu is pack crackry
fi di laas fifteen years dem get mi laybah
now awftah fiteen years mi fall out a fayvahInglan is a bitch
dere's no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
dere's no runnin' whey fram itmi know dem have work, work in abundant
yet still, dem mek mi redundant

now, at fifty-five mi gettin' quite ol'
yet still, dem sen' mi fi goh draw doleInglan is a bitch
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Inglan is a bitch
is whey wi a goh dhu 'bout it?

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