

# Colour Line

## Asian Dub Foundation

Today, the color line is the power line, is the poverty line  
Racism and imperialism work in tandem  
And poverty is their handmaid  
Those who are poor and powerless to break out of their poverty  
Are also those who by and large are non-white, non-western, third world  
Poverty and powerlessness are intertwined in color, in race  
Discrimination and exploitation feed into each other today  
Under global capitalism  
We are back to primitive accumulation, plunder on a world scale  
Only this time, the pillage is accompanied by aid  
Sustained by expert advice and underpinned by programmes  
And policies that perpetuate dependency  
The IMF, the world bank, structural adjustment programmes  
General agreement on tariffs and trade, gatt  
Are just a few of the organizations, schemes, projects  
Which under the guise of developing the third world, plunder it  
Trade agreements and commodity price-fixing  
Patents and intellectual property rights  
They lock them into paralytic dependency  
There is no such thing as illegal immigrants  
Only illegal governments  
Black is not just the color of our skins  
It's this color of our politics  
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