

Inglan Is a Bitch

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Wen mi jus come to Landan toun
Mi use to work pan di andahgroun
But workin pan di andahgroun
Yu dont get fi know your way aroundInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Deres no runnin whey fram itMi get a lickle jab in a bih otell
An awftah a while, mi woz doin quite well
Dem staat mi aaf as a dish-washah
But wen mi tek a stack, mi noh tun clack-watchahInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
No baddah try fi hide fram itWen dem gi you di lickle wage packit
Fus dem rab it wid dem big tax rackit
Yu haffi struggle fi mek ens meet
An wen yu goh a yu bed yu jus cant sleepInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
A noh lie mi a tell, a trueMi use to work dig ditch wen 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 awftah a while mi jus phu dung mi toolInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Yu haffi know how fi survive in itWell mi dhu day wok an mi dhu nite wok
Mi dhu clean wok an mi dhu dutty wok
Dem seh dat black man is very lazy
But if yu si how mi wok yu woulda sey mi crazyInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Yu bettah face up to itDem a 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 fifteen years mi fall out a fayvahInglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Deres 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 dole
Inglan is a bitch
Deres no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Is whey wi a goh dhu bout it?

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