

Tings an' Times

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Duped, doped
Demoralized
Dizzied, dozed
TraumatizedBlinded by resplendent lite of love
Dazzled by di firmament of freedom
Im couldn deteck deceit
All wen it kick im in im teetIm couldn cry khorupshon
An believe inna man
Im nevvah know bout cleek
Im did umble an meekIm nevvah know intrigue
Im nevvah inna dat deh league
Im nevvah andahstan
Dat on di road to sawshalismYu could buck-up nepotism
Im wife dangerous
Im bredda tretchero
An im kozn very viciousDuped, doped
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Dizzied, dozed
TraumatizedNow like a fragile fragment af lite
Trapped inna di belly a di daak nite
Like a bline man stuicified an dazed
Last an alone in a mystical mazeFi days, upan days
Upun days, upun days
Watch I'm driffin craus di oweshan of life
Widoutn ruddah nar hankah nar sailFi days, upan days
Upun days, upun days
Cail im flumm af di tides a di times
If yu like bus inna di labyrinth af ife, if yu likeDuped, doped
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Dizzied, dozed
Dozed penalizedShip wreck gense di sons of di tides a ch times
Meditorim pan di bud ale days
Face doun pan di gleumin sea shore
Not soh certn not soh sure like beforeDi salt a di sea pan di son inno im eye
An im would qi R houk if am could cry
Di soun of di surge of di sec
Harmonize wid di swonnin bamboo treesAn im brains jus a fick all kine a touts now inno ir
Like dem despalfirote days of defiance
Wen young rebels did a fite gense oppreshon

Won young rebels did a fling flowbom
 Won dem march wid dem honnolas raised
 Chuntn freedom chonfin justike chonfin bled on fich
 Wen nuff crucial mail dicl a blaze
 Tekkn di struggle to a higholb stage
 Doped, demoralized
 Dizzied, dozed
 Porolized now wos bup
 Wenp, mosh-up im mise-up
 Kotch-up on sit up
 Wid im hen pun im low, on im bed a heng down
 A konsideh ow young mbels get ole ow
 Some sell dem soul some get lef out in di cole
 Some get elevate some get depreciate
 Some fun miggles clans some a gamble race hams
 Some a try fi live clean some get vicious on mean
 Some plaque wid dout some still a R# it out
 Won on two a fife di struggle in dem bed
 Lead di lecdohless inno dem bed
 Win di revolueshon in dem bed
 Oil a fun prime ministch in dem bed
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 Now im wombiffin pondobrin konsidolfinn
 Posin oil kine a riddle to imself like
 Now dot wi come out o, di won foam dern
 On timer on fowchune been some c wi fren
 Now dot wi got wi council fifint
 On wi dis on wi dot
 Wi colloh nee vee on oil di mod con
 Now dot wi create some space
 On nuft a wi own a fickle place
 Now dot wi got M mp on wi black ip
 Blacks pan di radio, blocks pan fee vee
 Wi si on wi load an wi mbe
 A figot wi figot or a it dot?
 Do wi need onnofidoh muses
 Fi neck wi crops di sea
 An a gwoon weak cmos oonu free ocou free
 As wi entch di twerorfirst century
 Or wi long peas dot deh era dot dela stage
 On is each an owywon who hoffi rise now
 Fi meet di downin of a diffinpont age?
 Int woz wandohdn jordalfirm konsidelinn
 Wen im hear 9 vice like di win seh
 A jus tings on times wandohs on sines
 But noh get mystic be realistic
 On im hein a nex vice like di sea seh
 Sometimes di pugent owedoh of decoy
 Signal sch bran new lib defi pan di way

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