

# Forgive Them Father

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Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us  
Although them again we will never, never, never trustDem now, know weh dem do, dig out  
yuh yei while dem sticking like glue  
Fling, skind, grin while dem plotting fah you  
True, Ah Who?Forgive them father for they know not what they do  
Forgive them father for they know not what they doBeware the false motives of others  
Be careful of those who pretend to be brothers  
And you never suppose it's those who are closest to you, to you  
They say all the right things to gain their position  
Then use your kindness as their ammunition  
To shoot you down in the name of ambition, they doForgive them father for they know not  
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Why every Indian wanna be the chief?  
Feed a man 'til he's full and he still want beef  
Give me grief, try to tief off my piece  
Why for you to increase, I must decrease?  
If I treat you kindly does it meant that I'm weak?  
You hear my speak an think I won't take it do the streets  
I know enough cats that don't turn the other cheek  
But I try to keep it civilized like Menelik  
And other African czars ovserveing stars with war scars  
Get yours in this capitalistic system  
So many caught or got bought you can't list them  
How you gonna idolize the missing?  
To survive is to stay alive in the face of opposition  
Even when they comin' gunnin'  
I stand position  
L's known the mission since conception  
Let's free the people from deception  
If you looking for the answers  
Then you gotta ask the questions  
And when I let go, my voice echoes through hate ghetto  
Sick of men trying to pull strings like Gepetto  
Why black people always be the ones to settle  
March through these streets like Soweto  
Like Cain and Abel, Caesar and Brutus, Jesus and Judas  
Backstabbers do this  
Forgive them father for they know not what they do  
Forgive them father for they know not what they doIt took me a little while to discover  
Wolves in sheep coats who pretend to be lovers  
Men who lack conscience will even lie to themselves, to themselves

A friend once said, and I found to be true  
That everyday people, they lie to God too  
So what makes you think, that they won't lie to you  
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they do

Forgive them, forgive them  
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Forgive them, forgive them  
Gwan like dem love while dem rip yuh to shreds  
Trample pon yuh heart and lef yuh fi dead  
Dem a yuh fren who yuh depen pon from way back when  
But if yuh gi dem yuh back den yuh mus meef yuh end  
Dem noh know wey dem do  
Dem no know, dem no know, dem no know  
Dem no konw, dem no know wey dem do

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