

Steve Biko

Beenie Man

When slavery demolish 400 years ago
25 years ago and it over, it still going on

Emancipate yourself from mental slavery (freedom Man)
None but ourselves can free our minds (Children of Soweto)
Have no fear for atomic energy (Somalia)
'Cause none a them can stop a the time
(How can it be the only refugees in the world)
How long shall they kill our prophets
While we stand aside and look? Ooh (Africa, it's for Africans)
Some say it's just a part of it
We've got to fulfil Jah book (Rasta say)

Do you know, tell me what you really know
'Bout that great man Steve Biko
Do you know, tell me what you really know
Of that great man, oh nah

I say seeing is believing, but knowing is best
I know he never deal with Rastafari concept
But I know he was a man of black people interest
So I say, black I am, my people must be strong
He gave me the confidence to sing this song
I hear they speak of Martin Luther
But as him get that dream, dem shoot him after
I know, Steve Biko was a freedom fighter
A well educated South African lawyer
And one more
He was a hope for the people of Africa
'Cause in those time, they capture Mandela
But I [?] send and me a ask dem

Do you know, tell me what you really know
About that great man from Soweto
Do you know, tell me what you really know
About that great man, Steve

Oppression, suppression, depression cause debt
Dem take what dem want and give man what left
Equal rights and justice was Biko first step
The children of Soweto were getting upset
They were fighting for freedom and getting restless
Instead of freedom they got instant debt

Like just, take over the street
Naked children, your glutchings too deep
Mother and father you make two ends meet
Nah turn weh your face
'Cause I know you see it and I say

Do you know, tell me what you really know
About that great man from Soweto
Do you know, tell me what you really know
About that great man, Steve Biko

I know we don't rise and fall
He stand tall and tear down Babylon wall

He fought for freedom for Mandela
And people cry and people cry, eh yeah
He was a defender for all African slave
They gone to jail and beat him and put him inna grave
They were so afraid of Steve Biko
He was so strong, he was too strong
He was a threat for Babylon, so I say, eh eh
Do you know, brother tell me what you really know
About that great man from Soweto

Emancipate yourself from mental slavery
None but ourselves can free our minds
Have no fear for atomic energy (have no fear at all)
'Cause none a them can stop a the time
How long shall they kill our prophets (how long)
While we stand aside and look? Ooh
Some say it's just a part of it (they just say)
We've got to fulfil Jah book (I want to know...)

Do you know, tell me what you really know
About this great man yah, Steve Biko
Do you know just tell me what you really know
About that great man, whoa whoa whoa

I say seeing is believing, but knowing is best
I know he never deal with Rastafari concept
But I know he was a man for black people interest
So I say, black I am, together we be strong
He gave me the confidence to sing this song, whoa
Do you know, tell me what you really know
Please tell