

## 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