

# The Sacrifice of Victor

Prince

What is sacrifice?

(We s... we s... we s... we sacrifice)

NPG in mass attack, Sonny, please.

(we sacrifice)

Church if u will, please turn 2 the book of Victor (We s, We s)  
We like 2 start at the top if u don't mind

(we sacrifice)

(Don't say it, preacher)

I was born on a blood stained table  
Cord wrapped around my neck  
Epileptic 'til the age of 7  
I was sure heaven marked the deck

(we sacrifice)

I know joy lives 'round the corner  
{Joy for sale down on the corner} (we sacrifice)  
One day I'll visit her I'm gonna  
{Out on my block I'm just a loner} (we sacrifice)  
When she tell me everything {tell me}  
That's when the angels sing {sacrifice}  
That's when the victory is sho 'nuff {sho 'nuff down with the sacrifice}  
(we sacrifice)  
(help me)  
(Don't say it, preacher)

Mama held up her baby 4 protection  
From a man with a strap in his hand  
Ask the Victor 'bout pain and rejection  
U think he don't when he do understand

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(help me)  
{S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E}  
(we-we-we sacrifice)  
(Don't say it preacher)  
(sac-sacrifice)  
(we-we-we sacrifice)

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(sacrifice... if u turn the page)  
(Don't say it, preacher)

1967 in a bus marked public schools  
Rode me and a group of unsuspecting political tools

Our parents wondered what it was like 2 have another color near  
So they put their babies together 2 eliminate the fear  
We sacrifice yes we did  
Fighting one another, (we sacrifice) (don't say it preacher)  
All because of color  
The angel of hate - she taught me how 2 kick her  
If she called me anything but Victor (u mean like nigger?)  
If the only thing that tells me is father time  
Then sacrifice is the mutha sublime - we love it

Listen mutha - we sacrifice

(don't... don't... don't say it preacher)

(we sacrifice)

(Well, well, well, well)

(What is sacrifice?)

Hold yo' text, deacon

Never understood my old friends laughing  
They got high when everything else got wrong (pass the booze up here)  
Dr. King was killed and the streets  
They started burnin'  
When the smoke was cleared, their high was gone  
Education got important, so important 2 Victor  
A little more important than ripple and weed  
Bernadette's a lady, and she told me (what she say?)  
"Whatever u do son, a little discipline is what u need,  
Is what u need, u need to sacrifice"

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(what is sacrifice?)

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{S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E}  
(we sacrifice) (joy around the corner)  
Hey Wendy, how come we... (we sacrifice)  
'scuse me y'all (we sacrifice)  
We don't don't mean 2 take up yo time (joy around the corner)  
But we got something  
Heavy on our minds (we sacrifice)  
Yes, we do (we sacrifice)  
Sometimes, u gotta leave the one u love  
Somebody, anybody, everybody wave your hand  
Around the corner, there's another sacrifice (joy around the corner)  
But u got 2 do the best u can y'all (we sacrifice)  
Say u got 2 go through it (go through it)  
U got 2 go through it all (go through it all)  
High glory, yeah  
Sell it, don't tell it, don't tell me (joy around the corner)  
[.....] nice at my feet

Lord I might get tired,  
But I, I've got 2 keep on (we sacrifice)  
Walkin' down this road, (we sacrifice)  
Keep on walkin' down this road (joy around the corner)  
When I reach my destination (we sacrifice)  
My name will be Victor

Amen