

Know Your Culture

Big Mountain

In a primitive times
The people had culture in their lives
Well respecting their ancestry
Having faith in their destiny, but
Soon the culture would be lost
And, the capitalist man would be the cause
Who give the people their material needs
Oh, Jah Jah children take heed

Live wise and don't you wear no disguise
Live clean, you are a roots machine
Live right and keep Jah inside
'Cause the future my children is a lookin' bright
Know your culture, know yourself
Believe me my youth
You can't be no-one else
Always lettin' your light shine bright
Oh, Jah Jah children unite

Know your culture Lord
Can't be deceived by the vulture, no
I man come from the roots man school
You can't educate if you talk like a fool, no
Scripture read, nyanbingi bread
I man rather be jailed than to cut off me dreads
Don't put your trust in no wicked mans plan
If you must know the truth you must overstand
My country was built on the red man's land
Born on the back of the black man
The capital man mash the situation
Come now Jah people seek your education
Go forward dread bingi warriors go forward
Help this here country in mourning
Can't you see a new day is dawning

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Find the need to investigate
You've got to culture your minds
To shine in these times
Break the seal to the real deal
The truth will not remain untold
You must read, children must read every day
Don't keep your history no mystery
Write the words to your own version
Come now Jah Jah children stand strong

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