

# 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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