

Do Something for Yourself

Culture

Hey chuh! Stop the begging, man!
Yuh mek it look bad upon the whole a we.
You ever see dog pon the street?
And talk about fatha fatha.
Then all dog a your father too.
Get up and do something for yourself
Rise up and do something for yourself
Rise up and do something good for yourself
Instead of your begging!
Do something progressive for yourself
One thing I can't understand
How did the guinea chicken so broad?
Get up and do something for yourselves
Look at the children, they are in school
Trying to work hard and further education
Look at granny down a Coronation Market
I can't believe that young strong man
Stand up on street and stretch out them hand
Get up and do something for yourselves (You can't beat a bush)
Can't you be a mechanic?
Can't you teach yourself to paint a house?
Can't you make a Dutch pot? Yahba pot!
Can't you make a pair of shoes?
Can't you do something with the tailor?
I can't understand
Everyday you have fi nyam
And you nuh want to work at all (Jah know)
A lazy man eat more than a working man (Him belly bigger)
For him more time to eat the food
While I have to be in the field
See if I can make tomorrow's meal
The building haffe reach the sky
Them seem to a next skyscraper now
Get up and do something for yourselves
Rise up and work!
Rise up and do something for yourselves
Roast two dumpling, it's for yourselves
This is what I can't understand:
Women having children for lazy man
I wonder how the pickney them ago nyam
Those children need some education
They've got no mental disability
Lawyers, doctors, teachers of tomorrow
There won't be no sorrow
That's all the hope that we have got (So you know what, brother? Mind them)
Get up and do something for yourselves
Sell two callaloo, star
Get up and do something for yourselves
Even two ripe banana
Granny she can wait so long
Yet you want to be a jiffy man
Get up and do something for yourselves
Meet me with a nana nap.
Get up and do something for yourselves
You just a pray for John Brown fi dead
Why didn't you pray a good prayer for survival?
Everything you see a street yuh want

Everything a street, yuh say you need