

# Hanging Tree

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Who's that man I see  
Underneath the hanging tree?  
He looks just like me, so tell me, am I really free?  
Coulda been my mother crying for my brother  
And everybody, everybody, everybody's praying for peace  
But who's gonna protect us from the police?

Keep these chains off me  
Cause I don't wanna be another seed underneath the hanging tree  
Pray for me  
Lord, don't let me be another seed underneath the hanging tree

Brands on our bodies (the color of fruit)  
Color of purple fruit (Shoo-doot)  
Power of the purple (black power, black power)  
Spent on the side and "don't give a damn about you"  
I, I ask sometimes  
Am I just living to die? (Living to die)  
Cause the way they do my kind  
I just wanna cry

Chains off me  
I don't wanna be another seed underneath the hanging tree  
Pray for me  
Lord, don't let me be another seed underneath the hanging tree

Take these chains off me, free me  
I don't wanna be another seed underneath the hanging tree  
Take these chains off me, free me  
Lord don't wanna be another seed underneath the hanging tree  
Take these chains off me