

## Poor Slave

Jimmy Cliff

Poor slave  
Take the shackles off your body  
Poor slave  
Put the shackles on your mind

Please listen to me carefully  
And if I'm wrong, then correct me  
But if I'm right, mind not the praise  
Now let us see if we agree  
The definition of a slave  
Means once a tree, entirely  
So a slave is still a slave  
If he can think independently

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A tree is still a tree  
Though it shed its leaves when winter falls  
But it blooms again in spring  
Because it did not lose its roots at all  
But a slave  
Remains a slave  
Without the knowledge of its roots  
Until, he thought his past  
Not just some, but all the truths

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There was a brother the other day  
Telling me he's feeling high  
Well I just sadly had to sigh  
'Cause drugs and booze are lorey  
And if I'm asked how to get high  
I'll tell them truths and not a lie  
The highest high that man can get  
Is with knowledge and understanding

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Ease the pressure off your body?  
Poor slave  
Put the pressure on your mind

Poor slave  
Ever take the pressure off your body?  
Poor slave  
Put the pressure on your mind

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