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Little Simz

The mercenary don't fight the war for free
They fight the war for a currency, not unity, not peace
Bookkeepers with information that covers all of these details
Fake news won't prevail if we holding the keys
Land of the free?
Enslaved by the false pretense
They attack and we play defence
How do I make you see sense?
Have all of your thoughts deepen, test your beliefs?
If the law ain't for us, whose policing the police?
Who's increasing all their fees?
Listening to their speeches
How many times did we march with no shoes on? No J's or Louboutin
Been beaten on, we been chewed on
But it happened years ago, so we should just move on
You think that man don't know pain 'cause he got a suit on?
'Cause he finally got a plate that he can now have food on?
Telling me that luck isn't everybody's friend
But, really, you can't fathom that my tree now has fruit on
Don't get me irate in this climate, it's heating up in that plane now
Can't fly straight, I might up and migrate
Turbulence results in your mind racing
Prone to dehydration
Runnin' 'cause you want freedom, don't die chasing
This is post-apocalyptic, where we stand
You wanna give us the Bible and have us give up the land
They will dangle the carrot when nothing is in your hand
And tell you never to worry, "it's all just part of the plan"
Fuck what you got planned, your wish isn't my command
These people are not your friends, I finally understand
They wanna divide you and close people in your set
'Cause when you're winning together, that's bigger than any check

One day, you'll love my pain
One day, you'll love my pain
I need you, Lord
I need you, Lord (I need you, Lord)
I need you, Lord

Undervalued, underappreciated in the workplace
Why give you my ideas in the first place?
Know how you contribute, they tell you "describe how"
You ask for a pay rise, and they raising they eyebrows
Why does my Blackness have to come with a fight now?
I'm peaceful at heart, but I suggest you pipe down
I'm not ashamed of the soil that I'm made of
Brave woman, my granddaddy is where I got my name from
You don't know me well enough to call me Simbi
The closest people to me actually call me Simz, apart from my family, in a loving capacity
I could never sell my soul for a salary, no
They want everything I own, the audacity
Try somethin', and test your mortality
That there, is a tragedy
Oh, you mad how I clocked it and I got here?
Mentally taking back my power and I'm signing out, respectfully

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One day, you'll love my pain
Protect me, Lord (Protect me, Lord)
Protect me, Lord (I need you, Lord)
Protect me, Lord

Protect the body, protect the mind
No, God making sure my blessings are perfectly timed
We, as a people, die over pride
Those handouts are never options, where we reside
And I still gotta provide, what a mess I'm in
Wonder if it's 'cause I been westernised
Speaking to the suits, they never give you the best advice, a lesson I've learnt the hard way
Emphasise real, recognise real, then you become recognised
Oh, please, step aside, if you're not fighting the war with us
How do you become numb to a genocide?
Can't you see that everything we feeling is intensified?
Bleeding straight from the heart, leave you painfully scarred
Many say rehabilitation is hard
Use all your vices, and escape through the dark
Running away from the childhood trauma
So, tryna get clean's sounding like torture
I'm somebody's daughter
I'm somebody's sister, I'm somebody's friend
You don't see me how they see me, you see money you could spend
Took me some years to comprehend, which led me to writing the realest shit ever penned
God said, "It's time to give them some gems"
Switch your perspective, how you look at it through my lens?
They can never fool me again
Never silenced, I'ma speak my truth 'till the end

(The Lord is with you, dear)
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I need you, Lord (Lord)
I need you, Lord (I need you, Lord)
I need you, Lord (Lord)
I need you, Lord (I need you, Lord)
I need you, Lord (Lord)
I need you, Lord (I need you, Lord)
I need you, Lord
(You'll never be alone)
(The Lord is with you, dear)
(The Lord is with you)