

My Windrush Lines

Wretch 32

You can't honor me in one breath
Then spit on me with the same mouth

Unsettled, why am I unsettled?
Uneasy everywhere I go, its unleveled
Darg just want a place to call home, ones kennel
Why divine time always seem unscheduled?
Felt like I was on a lead, one rebel (One rebel)
Then you let me off the lead, vulnerable
I'm fallin' asleep, thought it was a dream for one sec
'Til I'm callin' my niece, now I cannot believe I've left you
Am I a refugee if I don't need no refuge?
Home is where the heart is, can I keep one venue?
I'm somebody's uncle, grandfather and nephew
I just had a great granddaughter, that's special
When I was young, I was hard workin', I came to work
Sticks and stones couldn't break me but the paper works
Misplaced, now I'm on the way and that's the way it works
Funny that they told me "Stay relaxed", when I stay alert
Memory lane circlin' my brain, got me runnin' laps
Always thought I was one of you, and you was one of man
Even though I was payin' extra shillings on my coloured tax
Banana Boat as a citizen, do I sit or stand?
Tilbury where we touched the road, make 'em see the dan
Lord knows I just want peace on this peace of land
They're saying "No blacks, no dogs, no Irish"
Violence, so I lay my head, where I lay my hat
If we done a day in the life you would close your eyes
If you had my life for a day you would sympathize
Compensation what they sayin' that we should claim
But when you're closer to the grave money doesn't buy you extra
time
So now my train of thought got me feeling smaller than ever
That Windrush line is a hell of an empty gesture
With my last breath I'ma speak it until they're fed up
All with high blood pressure, I'm pressin' on the oppressor