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Johnny Clegg & Savuka "Third World Child"

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Bits of songs and broken drums Are all he could recall So he spoke to me in a bastard tongue Carried on the silence of the guns

It's been a long long time since they first came And marched through our village They taught us to forget our past And live the future in their image

They said, "You should learn to speak a little bit of English" Don't be scared of a suit and tie Learn to walk in the dreams of the foreigner I am a third world child

The out world's dreams are the currency That grip the city streets I live them out but I have my own Hidden somewhere deep inside of me

In between my father's fields And the citadels of the rule Lies a no-man's land which I must cross To find my stolen jewel

They said, I should learn to speak a little bit of English Maybe practice birth control Keep away from controversial politics So to save my third world soul

You should learn to speak a little bit of English Don't be scared of a suit and tie Learn to walk in the dreams of the foreigner I am a third world child

Wo! ilanga lobunzima Nalo liyashona Ukuthini asazi Mus' ukukhala Mntanami Bits of songs and broken drums Are all he could recall But the future calls his name out loud Carried on the violence of the guns

I just can speak a little bit of English I am a [Incomprehensible] I can survive I am fire and [Incomprehensible] I am a third world child

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