

Linton Kwesi Johnson "Inglan Is A Bitch"

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Wã, ã' en mi jusã, ã' come to Landan toun
Mi use to work pan di andahgroun
But workinã, ã' pan di andahgroun
Yã, ã' u donã, ã' t get fi know your way around

Inglan is a bitch
Dereã, ã' s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Dereã, ã' s no runninã, ã' whey fram it

Mi get a lickle jab in a bih ã, ã' otell
Anã, ã' awftah a while, mi woz doinã, ã' quite well
Dem staat mi aaf as a dish-washah
But wã, ã' en mi tek a stack, mi noh tun clack-watchah

Inglan is a bitch
Dereã, ã' s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
No baddah try fi hide fram it

Wã, ã' en dem giã, ã' you di lickle wage packit
Fus dem rab it wid dem big tax rackit
Yã, ã' u haffi struggle fi mek enã, ã' s meet
Anã, ã' wã, ã' en yã, ã' u goh a yã, ã' u bed yã, ã' u
jusã, ã' canã, ã' t sleep

Inglan is a bitch
Dereã, ã' s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
A noh lie mi a tell, a true

Mi use to work dig ditch wã, ã' en it cowl noh bitch
Mi did strang like a mule, but bwoy, mi did fool
Den awftah a while mi jusã, ã' stap dhu ovahtime
Den awftah a while mi jusã, ã' phu dung mi tool

Inglan is a bitch
Dereã, ã' s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Yã, ã' u haffi know how fi survive in it

Well mi dhu day wok anã, ã' mi dhu nite wok

Mi dhu clean wok anÃ,Â´ mi dhu dutty wok
Dem seh dat black man is very lazy
But if yÃ,Â´u si how mi wok yÃ,Â´u woulda sey mi crazy

Inglan is a bitch
DereÃ,Â´s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
YÃ,Â´u bettah face up to it

Dem a have a lickle facktri up inna Brackly
Inna disya facktri all dem dhu is pack crackry
Fi di laas fifteen years dem get mi laybah
Now awftah fifteen years mi fall out a fayvah

Inglan is a bitch
DereÃ,Â´s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
DereÃ,Â´s no runninÃ,Â´ whey fram it

Mi know dem have work, work in abundant
Yet still, dem mek mi redundant
Now, at fifty-five mi gettinÃ,Â´ quite olÃ,Â´
Yet still, dem senÃ,Â´ mi fi goh draw dole

Inglan is a bitch
DereÃ,Â´s no escapin it
Inglan is a bitch
Is whey wi a goh dhu Ã,Â´bout it?

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