

## Chumbawamba

# "Dutiful Servants And Political Masters"

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One, two, one, two, three, four  
Things were rather different in great grandfather's day  
He just put a chain around their ankles and made them  
work for no pay  
He took everything they owned and yet still demanded  
more  
He did a bloody good job in taming the poor  
Now I'm rather more subtle, I say, I'll tell you what I will  
do  
I'll do everything I can to try and help you  
And you'll be helping me, I say, and I'll see that you're  
alright  
You can have a place of your own, you can even  
pretend to be white  
And you won't have to worry, I'll have a quiet word with  
your mates  
Oh they'll be alright, they'll have enough on their plate  
I'll put a bit in their mouths, you just pull hard on the  
reins  
They'll do anything for you and they won't complain  
You'll be so much better off, I say, you can share my  
paradise  
Just sign my piece of paper and I'll organize your life  
And it never fails, it does the trick, it works every time  
So me and my dear wife and the family's doing fine  
Great granddad got his dukedom when slavery was  
abolished  
Dear old dad became a viscount when the Empire was  
finished  
But times have changed for the better with freedom of  
choice  
We're a thousand times richer, QED His Master's Voice  
A dog stares into a gramophone trumpet, waits for its  
call to action  
Mute and obedient, standing to attention  
Look a little closer, the dog is a woman  
She's working under a system that she can't  
understand  
Trapped inside a world of labor and heat  
So that she and her children will be able to eat  
The trumpet is patriarchy, it's old and fixed  
Where poor men are lured by desire to be rich

Where the limited power is still given to men  
Where development aid is so wastefully spent  
Where western education enforces this crap  
Where women work in the open, yet live in a trap  
There's one solution, and this is it  
The dog leaps on the gramophone and has a shit

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