

Modest Mouse

"Some Seek Stardom"

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[Lauryn Hill]

AhhhhhH!

Check the crippled man, sittin in the church
My conscience hurts, flesh like me hits the dirt
She's paralyzed from her feet to her thighs
And the man who pulled the trigger didn't even lose his
necktie

Hi/I check Jimmy cuttin hair at the barbershop
He plays the bass guitar, like David plays the harp
His knowledge name is Greek, cause whenever he
speaks

He's got the wisdom of King Solomon bags in his eyes
from no sleep

Sometimes he thought of the fame in Madison Square
Garden

So some seek stardom, but they forget Harlem
But seeking first of all the kingdom of God is what my
pops told me

So if I fall, could the choir catch me

I flew away, on a mountain, got tempted by Satan
Got bitten by a cobra, but the Lord took my venom
So who's side am I on? I'm on the righteous
Always check the lyrics, no time to contradict

Chorus:

Some seek stardom, then they forget Harlem (3X)
They/brothers/sisters/families/people/we/brothers
keep their pockets full, but their souls run empty

Well aiyyo family I beseech you, in the hopes that I may
reach you

My mother taught me one day that this mid-day would
come someday

Born to talk that jive, with peaky hair grown wild
And teachers disliked me, cause I knew where my
culture be

So now yeah mom I read history, I can't neglect my
passion see

Rock it's kind of new to me, cause my true love was

poetry

White was good and bad was black but black was just a
massa lackey
built for that B. Nimble Jack and I'd like to save you
from the wicked
D-Dog clear I wouldn't be wet
The black to mourn, tomorrow's death
The evil things, glad that I, while angels wrote this
violence why?
Help me make me comprehend my black bezerk and
why cast it
Time to blaze the angels nappy heads are braided that
you make me
see what's hard for me that don't make you flee
when I enter your vicinity, you see my God ain't never
after me
So yo I be wised up with Greek
To go and be, the last and good and see what's wrong
with me
and through your insecurity of me and my ability
So bredren won't you let me be or has thou asked to
much from thy
to tell the truth and not to lie? Oh my...

Chorus 2X

But as I grew, I knew cause the master told me
from a baby to a woman from a woman to a baby
Life is so short, hardcore becomes hard-corpse
Step in a coffin where the money's no longer the
source
singing
There we go, there we go, there we go
I got mine now won't you get yours, we never open
doors
so we neglect, and don't protect the ones that's not
people never really seem to care
And then they cry out, "My people! Why aren't we
treated equal?"
As we flee, we flee our own communities
We leave our family in poverty
And then we blame it on another, so family please
recover
Oh c'mon please come now with you can come with me
now and blow now
if you want to, we're through...

Chorus 4X

