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"Blood Diamonds"

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[Nas:]

They wanna shine on it Shine on it (repeated)

Yah

They dug me the soil of mines in the motherland Now I've placed from one hand to another hand Illegal smuggling, people struggling, Wish they can just throw me back in the mud again Yeh, this is how we got here Slave trade and the diamond trade Every childs afraid, when his mother or father gets sprayed Forced in the army, young killer brigade Gets a new name, then he gets his nose glued His mind can't take what he's going through Lookin' in the dirt for that ice ol' blue Then the royal family the ice goes to This thing has to change, feelin' half ashamed As i rap with my platinium chain When you shop for a gift for me You think about the misery The same way we made apartheid history We could do the same to the complect ice But everybody wanna shine right?

Everybody wants heaven, but nobody wants dead Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed Everybody wants heaven, but nobody wants dead Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed

They wanna shine on em [repeated]

Uh

My bbs glimmers on my chest Two hundred thousand crested watch on my wrist I wonder how people starve to death When God blessed the land that lacks the harvest Their stones are quality, but their homes are poverty And the whole world ignores the robbery I bought my girl pretty rocks and she is mad at me Tear drop shaped uh, perfect clarity It shocks so many are killed annually Cause of greed, lust, and pure vanity Stop talkin' and do something about it Every holiday season, jewelery stores crowded Kids snatched from their homes, mutilated alive Husbands spreaded from wives Keep a Jesus peace to be fly But back in the day, there was a time they called us shine

Everybody wants heaven, but nobody wants dead Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed Everybody wants heaven, but nobody wants dead Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed

They wanna shine on em [repeated]

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