

## Culture

### "Do Something For Yourself"

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Hey chuh! Stop the begging, man!  
Yuh mek it look bad upon the whole a we.  
You ever see dog pon the street?  
And talk about fatha fatha.  
Then all dog a your father too.  
Get up and do something for yourself  
Rise up and do something for yourself  
Rise up and do something good for yourself  
Instead of your begging!  
Do something progressive for yourself  
One thing I can't understand  
How did the guinea chicken so broad?  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
Look at the children, they are in school  
Trying to work hard and further education  
Look at granny down a Coronation Market  
I can't believe that young strong man  
Stand up on street and stretch out them hand  
Get up and do something for yourselves (You can't  
beat a bush)  
Can't you be a mechanic?  
Can't you teach yourself to paint a house?  
Can't you make a Dutch pot? Yahba pot!  
Can't you make a pair of shoes?  
Can't you do something with the tailor?  
I can't understand  
Everyday you have fi nyam  
And you nuh want to work at all (Jah know)  
A lazy man eat more than a working man (Him belly  
bigger)  
For him more time to eat the food  
While I have to be in the field  
See if I can make tomorrow's meal  
The building haffe reach the sky  
Them seem to a next skyscraper now  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
Rise up and work!  
Rise up and do something for yourselves  
Roast two dumpling, it's for yourselves  
This is what I can't understand:  
Women having children for lazy man

I wonder how the pickney them ago nyam  
Those children need some education  
They've got no mental disability  
Lawyers, doctors, teachers of tomorrow  
There won't be no sorrow  
That's all the hope that we have got (So you know what,  
brother? Mind them)  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
Sell two callaloo, star  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
Even two ripe banana  
Granny she can wait so long  
Yet you want to be a jiffy man  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
Meet me with a nana nap.  
Get up and do something for yourselves  
You just a pray for John Brown fi dead  
Why didn't you pray a good prayer for survival?  
Everything you see a street yuh want  
Everything a street, yuh say you need

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