

## Prince "The Sacrifice Of Victor"

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What is sacrifice?

(We s, we s, we s, we sacrifice)

N P G in mass attack, Sonny, please

(We sacrifice)

Church if you will, please turn to the book of Victor

(We s, We s)

We like to start at the top if you don't mind

We sacrifice

(Don't say it, preacher)

I was born on a blood stained table

Cord wrapped around my neck

Epileptic 'til the age of seven

I was sure Heaven marked the deck

(We sacrifice)

I know, joy lives 'round the corner

(Joy for sale down on the corner)

(We sacrifice)

One day I'll visit her, I'm gonna

(Out on my block, I'm just a loner)

(We sacrifice)

When she tell me everythin'

(Tell me)

That's when the angels sing

(Sacrifice)

That's when the victory is sho 'nuff

(Sho 'nuff down with the sacrifice)

(We sacrifice)

Help me

(Don't say it, preacher)

Mama held up her baby for protection

From a man with a strap in his hand

Ask the Victor 'bout pain and rejection

You think he don't, when he do understand

(We sacrifice)

I know, Joy lives 'round the corner

(Joy for sale down on the corner)  
(We sacrifice)  
One day I'll visit her, I'm gonna  
(Out on my block, I'm just a loner)  
(We sacrifice)

When she tell me everythin'  
(Tell me)  
That's when the angels sing  
(Sacrifice)  
That's when the victory is sho 'nuff  
(Sho 'nuff down with the sacrifice)  
(We sacrifice)

Help me

S A C R I F I C E  
We, we, we sacrifice  
(Don't say it, preacher)  
Sac-sac-sacrifice

We, we, we sacrifice  
We, we, we sacrifice  
Sacrifice, if you turn the page  
(Don't say it, preacher)

1967, in a bus marked, 'Public School'  
Rode me and a group of unsuspectin' political tools  
Our parents wondered what  
It was like to have another color near

So they put their babies together to eliminate the fear  
We sacrifice  
Yes we did fightin' one another  
We sacrifice  
(Don't say it, preacher)  
All because of color

The angel of hate  
She taught me how to kick her  
If she called me anythin' but Victor  
(You mean like nigger?)

If the only thing that tells me is, father time  
Then sacrifice is the mutha sublime, we love it  
Listen mutha, we sacrifice

Don't, don't, don't say it preacher

We sacrifice  
(Well, well, well, well)

(What is sacrifice?)  
Hold yo' text, deacon

Never understood my old friends laughin'  
They got high when everythin' else got wrong  
(Pass the booze up here)  
Dr. King was killed and the streets they started burnin'  
When the smoke was cleared their high was gone

Education got important so important to Victor  
A little more important than ripple and weed  
Bernadette's a lady and she told me  
(What she say?)

"Whatever you do son  
A little discipline is what you need  
Is what u need, you need to sacrifice"  
We sacrifice

I know, joy lives 'round the corner  
(Joy for sale down on the corner)  
(We sacrifice)  
One day I'll visit her, I'm gonna  
(Out on my block, I'm just a loner)  
(We sacrifice)  
When she tell me everythin'  
(Tell me)

That's when the angels sing  
(Sacrifice)  
That's when the victory is sho 'nuff  
(Sho 'nuff down with the sacrifice)  
(We sacrifice)  
(What is sacrifice?)  
(We sacrifice)

S A C R I F I C E  
(We sacrifice)  
Joy around the corner  
(Hey Wendy, how come we)  
(We sacrifice)

'Scuse me y'all  
(We sacrifice)  
We don't don't mean to take up yo' time  
(Joy around the corner)  
But we got somethin' heavy on our minds  
(We sacrifice)  
Yes, we do  
(We sacrifice)

Sometimes, you gotta leave the one you love  
Somebody, anybody, everybody wave your hand  
Around the corner, there's another sacrifice  
(Joy around the corner)  
But you got to do the best you can, y'all  
(We sacrifice)

Say you got to go through it  
(Go through it)  
You got to go through it all  
(Go through it all)

High glory, yeah  
Sell it, don't tell it, don't tell me  
(Joy around the corner)  
[Incomprehensible] nice at my feet

Lord, I might get tired  
But I, I've got to keep on  
(We sacrifice)  
Walkin' down this road  
(We sacrifice)

Keep on walkin' down this road  
(Joy around the corner)  
When I reach my destination  
(We sacrifice)  
My name will be, Victor

Amen

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