

Prince & The New Power Generation

"The Sacrifice Of Victor"

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What is sacrifice?

(We sacrifice) {repeat throughout song }

N.P.G. in mass attack, Sonny, if U please

Church if U will, please turn 2 The Book of Victor

We'd like 2 start at the top, if U don't mind

(Go'n say it preacher) {repeat throughout song }

I was born on a bloodstained table

Cord wrapped around my neck

Epileptic 'til the age of seven

I was sure heaven marked the deck

CHORUS:

We sacrifice - I know joy lives 'round the cover

(Towards the cell down on the corner)

We sacrifice - One day I'll visit her I'm gonna (Down on
my block I'm just a loner)

We sacrifice - When she tell me everything (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 (Hit me)

Mama held up her baby 4 protection

From a man with a strap in his hand

Ask 'lil Victor 'bout pain and rejection

U think he don't when he do understand

CHORUS

S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E

Sacri, sacrifice

Sacrifice

If U'll turn the page

1967 in a bus marked, "Public Schools"

Rode me and a group of unsuspecting political tools

Our parents wondered what it was like 2 have another
color near

So they put their babies 2gether 2 eliminate the fear

We sacrifice - yes, we did

Fighting one another
We sacrifice - all because of color
The angel of hate - she taught me how 2 kick her
If she called me anything but "Victor" (U mean like
"nigger"?)
If the only thing that tells is Father Time
Then sacrifice is a mutha sublime - we love it
Listen mutha, we sacrifice
Well, well, well, well (What is sacrifice?)

Hold your text, Deacon
Never understood my old friends a laughing (Ha ha ha)
They got high when everything else got wrong (Pass
the bowl...)
Dr. King was killed and the streets - they start burnin'
When the smoke was cleared, their high was gone
Education got important, so important 2 Victor
Even more important than Ripple and weed
Bernadette's the lady - and she told me (What'd she
say?)
"Whatever U do, son, a little displicine is what U need"
(A little discipline is what U need)
Is what U need, U need 2 sacrifice

CHORUS

(What is sacrifice?)
We sacrifice (Hey yeah)
S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E.
(Joy around the corner) {repeated til end}
(We sacrifice, we're gonna.. whoop!) (How can we..)
Excuse me, y'all
We don't mean 2 take up your time
But we got something heavy on our minds, whoo
Yes we do
Sometimes, U got 2 leave the one U love
Somebody, anybody, everybody wave your hand
Around every corner, there's another sacrifice
But U got 2 do the best U can
Say U got 2 go through it (Go through it)
We got 2 go through it, y'all
Everybody, yeah (Say it now, say it now, Tommy come
on, say it now)
(Lord have mercy, my feet)
Lord, I might get tired but I, I gotta keep on
Walking down this road
Gotta keep on walking down this road - gonna reach
my destination, yeah
My name will be Victor-or-or
Amen

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