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MDC "Shades Of Brown"

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They say the darkest hour is just before the dawn In chess, without exception, white moves the first pawn They called it "Black Tuesday" when the stock market crashed

A fix in 1919 turned the White Sox to Black Black balled, black magic, executioner's hood White hatted, white horsed, champion of good Black knight of Dark Ages on the darkest night The Pope walks in truth, head to toe in white

[Chorus:]

Who started all this bullshit - were they looking for a fight?

You didn't have to be there to know that they were white

But when you're talking skin tone, let's not fuck around Cause no one's really black or white, we're all just shades of brown

Black hearted, black beard on the briney deep Or the family outcast you call the black sheep Days of black plague - draw your final breath Heading for heaven white dying of Black Death

Mankind is preoccupied to keep each other down Some use superstition, a Bible or a crown At best it's fear and ignorance, at worst, it's a sin Not God and country, king or crown, it's the pigment of our skin

Used to reinforce what's wrong or right It's really just the presence or absence of light In the blackest hour of the blackest day It isn't mighty white of us, but we gotta say

[Chorus]

White when your marry, black when you die
A racial hierarchy, a festering white lie
White stands for ignorance, pure and sincere
But if you're talking bigotry it should be crystal clear
The new world becond, the immigrants came
Homogenized their culture, anglicized their names

Then they painted Jesus, blonde with eyes of blue Not a Nazarene, more a nazi than a Jew In the black revolution with their Black Power found Till their leaders were all jailed or stomped into the ground

And the final step ironic - to nail that coffin tight The powder of enslavement in their glassine bags of white

[repeat chorus until this white male power structure falls]

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