

## **The Paper Tongues**

### **"Rich And Poor"**

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I stand as a broken man  
Before we shake I shoulda let you know  
My hand, it's a dirty hand  
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Our house is a weakened sheet  
So this goes out to my strugglin' peeps  
I have a dream we get out this week

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I want to give my peace away  
To the many that drives the Escalade  
Cause he knows that money don't buy a home  
It takes a wife and kids where love is grown  
I think I'm really tired of these washed up plans  
To be the kind of Thug and all the war-street fam'  
It takes a whole lot of guts to hold onto your green  
When there are dead banks plus political swing  
I think it's 'bout time we get people in the House  
Who want to write "game" on the naysayer's mouth  
If you got the money then you understand me partly  
And if you're plain broke well, then, "Welcome to the party!"

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Columbia, Sydney say a prayer for me  
Brazil, Russia say a prayer for me

I want to give five-hundred cups  
Of karma to the homeless on the block  
Next week lets make it half a mil'  
But they say my day dreams aren't for real  
Can you tell me a better way to make dreams?  
I know we got a world full of over-rated schemes  
I've watched a lot of people get bit then break  
Stuck up in the system with locks on their gate  
I know a lot of people who can sing this song  
Cause I wrote this for all those who don't belong  
I say we form a choir and take it to the streets  
And let the world know we gettin out this week

(Dream, dream, dream boy, dream)  
(Dream, dream, dream girl, dream)

If I get down I'll sing  
If I get scared I'll yell  
Well make no mistake about this  
I'm comin out of here

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