

Artful Dodger Feat. Craig David

"So Rotten"

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[Jahmali] (Blak Twang)

Rotten!

Rotten! (YO!)

Rotten!

Rotten!

Rotten! (Yo, London and Jamaica)

Rotten! (Yo yo!)

{*Chorus*}

Why is it, so rotten?

(Tony Rotton alongside man like Jahmali yo)

Why is it, so rotten?

(Original ghetto true boy for the peoples army yo yo)

Why is it, so rotten? (That's all we do)

My people don't ask Tony Rotton (Don't ask me)

How is it, so rotten? (Don't ask Jahmali)

My people have you forgotten?

[Blak Twang]

You don't need to be worried 'bout what my name is
or if I'm famous

You should be concerned if your burnin' in haters with
fire blazes

Feel the fire burn up ya charts, burn up ya playlist

Fire for the haters and fire for the fakers

Pump up the volume wake the neighbours

Brethren raise it, all o' the youth outta the ghetto break
the cages

It's been ages, since you 'eard my style

But you know my style is rotten and you know rotten
can't spoil yo

Nuff hard to switch tryna become rich

In District Six, sense lyrics an' chat bare foolishness

It's a holy puna and drop it from the bottom lips

I'm droppin' the programme like a microfish, check this

I'm still Thames Knick, still the thunder brick

Still bang like pots and pans in ya kitchen sink

Still don't snitch a whip, still rent, still carry a stink

And I'm still rotten so put it in print, yo yo

[Jahmali] (Blak Twang)

{*Chorus*}

So rotten, so rotten (That's right)
My people have you forgotten
that it is, so rotten? (You know what tho')
My people have you forgotten
Why is it, so rotten?
My people don't ask Tony Rotton (Uh huh)
How is it, so bitter?
{??? ???}

[Blak Twang]

Before you ask why, am I gettin' high like my blood
pressure
Try lookin' into my eyes and seein' the world through
my retina
Or step'a in my boots and see jus' how far it gets ya
In a low-budget area where the man, you feel inferior
Fear for your life from prejudice and stereotype
we're all alike, smoke, drink, cuss, fight, all in a night
Yeah right!
It's killers in the mist who share pipes and wear tights
There's healers in the mist who bear light and wear
white
There's Jesus in the mist, there's demons in the mist
There's even them rowdy 'Gorillas In The Mist'
Why ya minds so milli, c'mon brethren don't be silly
Ghetto red hot and chilly, and the burnin' inner cities
Ya best might sta', miner 'a flash ya light'a
Mind the 'S' or one night snipers gon' dim out ya life,
cha'!
How much longer will this madness last
before the youth should realise and raise up, and start
to blast!

[Jahmali] (Blak Twang)

{*Chorus*}
Why is it, so rotten
My people have you forgotten, (Yo yo)
that it is, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten (Jahmali)
Why is it, so rotten? (Tony Rotton...)
My people don't ask Tony Rotton (...And Jahmali)
Why is it, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten?

[Blak Twang]

It's gettin' diabolical, nuff of dem are comical
All they wanna do is chronicle, money jewels, and tight
abdominals
They ain't sayin' nuttin' new, all they do is copy you
UH UH UH, brothers and sisters what's the World

comin' to?
Ah public enemy number one, runnin' true
Chuck demons, vanity and bomb fire 'pon ya crew
JUS' who the ras' who wanna romp wit' the formidable?
Rottonostra, chart topper, proper untouchable
DEF, London, I represent for all of you
West, East, South, North and NW
The terrible terrorist 'ere to bring trouble to
phoney MPs chichin' man and bum-ruppin' BOO
Bomb them like barbeque, steam like green callao
SLEW them and then fry them like fish and vegetable
Don't make me vexed wit' you
don't mess with my vegetables
Don't mess with my seeds, my weeds or I'm gettin' you

[Jahmali]
{*Chorus*}
Why is it, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten
that it is, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten
Why is it, so rotten?
My people don't ask Tony Rotton
Why is it, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten?

So rotten, yeah
So rotten, yeah
So rotten
Tony, Tony, Tony Rotton
So help them Lord
Show them Lord
Help them Lord
Show them Lord
Help them Lord

{*Chorus*}
Why is it, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten
that it is, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten
Why is it, so rotten?
My people don't ask Tony Rotton
Why is it, so rotten?
My people have you forgotten?

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