

## Van Dyke Parks

### "Your Own Comes First"

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If I talk again it could drive me mad  
I try to talk to the people of Trinidad  
If I talk again it could set me mad  
I'm tired if talkin to the people of Trinidad  
All kinds of people come and doin well  
And you the Trinidadians only catchin hell  
How many times do you want to be told  
Your own comes first all over the world

If you think I lie, I invite you please  
Just take a trip through the West Indies  
Make your first stop at Grenada  
Tell them that you come to look for labor  
If you miss and say you're from Trinidad  
They lick you from Grenada down to Fyzabad  
But you can't blame them on a whole  
My friend, that's the policy of the world

So, Granadians for Granadians  
Jamaicians for Jamaicians  
Even Barbados take the same route  
Trinidadians, buck up and follow suit  
Well now you really lookin for blows  
If you think you goin anchor in Barbados  
The Bajuns goin tell you bloomin fast  
Don't you know Bajuns first and outsiders last  
Then you heist your anchor to Jamaica  
Feelin that your chances might be better  
But as I've led you to understand  
Boy, we only have work here for Jamaicans

I'm not all selfish, I love to give  
And I believe in the slogan live and let live  
If the other islands aren't doin that  
Well I don't see why we should be Miss Howard's cat  
It's time to go into the reverse  
Do like other nations put your people first  
You must do as you are told  
Or you would be the laughing stock of the world

