

# Linton Kwesi Johnson, Tings An' Times

duped  
doped  
demoralised  
dizzied  
dozed  
traumatized  
blinded by resplendent lite of love  
dazzled by di firmament of freedom  
im couldn deteck deceit  
all wen it kick im in im teet  
im couldn cry khorupshon  
an believe inna man  
im nevvah know bout cleek  
im did umble an meek  
im nevvah know intrigue  
im nevvah inna dat deh league  
im nevvah andahstan  
dat on di road to sawshalism  
yu could buck-up nepotism  
im wife dangerous  
im bredda tretchero  
an im kozn very vicious

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now like a fragile fragment af lite  
trapped inna di belly a di daak nite  
like a bline man stuicified an dazed  
last an alone in a mystical maze  
fi days  
upan days  
upan days  
upan days  
watch im driffin craus di oweshan of life  
widoutn ruddah nar hankah nar sail  
fi days  
upan days  
upan days  
upan days  
cail im flumm af di tides a di times  
if yu like  
bus inna di labyrinth af ife  
if yu like  
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dozed  
dozed penalized  
ship,wreek gense di sons of di tides a ch times  
meditorim pan di bud ale days  
face doun pan di gleumin sea shore  
not soh certn not soh sure like before  
di salt a di sea pan di son inno im eye  
an im would qi R houk  
if am could cry  
di soun of di surge of di sec  
harmonize wid di swonnin bamboo trees  
an im brains jus a fick  
all kine a touts now inno ir

like dem despalfirote days of defiance  
wen young rebels did a fite gense oppreshon  
won young rebels did a fling floWbom  
won dem march wid dem honnolas raised  
chuntn freedom chonfin justike chonfin bled on fich  
wen nuff crucial mail dicl a blaze  
tekkn di struggle to a higholb stage  
doped  
demoralized  
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dozed  
porolized  
now wos[bup  
weNP  
mosh-up  
im mise-up  
kotch-up  
on sit up  
wid im hen pun im low  
on im bed a heng doun  
a konsideh ow young mbels get ole ow  
some sell dem soul  
some get lef out in di cole  
some get elevate  
some get depreciate  
some fun miggle clans  
some a gamble race hams  
some a try fi live clean  
some get vicious on mean  
some plaque wid dout  
some still a R# it out  
won on two a fife di struggle in dem bed  
lead di lecdohless inno dem bed  
win di revolueshon in dem bed  
oil a fun prime ministch in dem bed  
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now im wombiffin pondobrin konsidolfinn  
posin oil kine a riddle to imself like  
now dot Wi come out o, di won foam dern  
on timer on fowchune been some c wi fren  
now dot wi got wi council fifint  
on wi dis on wi dot  
wi colloh nee vee on oil di mod con  
now dot wi create some space  
on nuft a wi own a fickle place  
now dot wi got M mp on wi black ip  
blacks pan di radio  
blocks pan fee vee  
wi si on wi load an wi mbe  
a figot wi figot or a it dot ?  
do wi need onnofidoh muses  
fi neck wi crops di sea  
an A gwoon weak cmos  
oonu free ocou free  
as wi entch di twerorfirst century  
or wi long peas dot deh era dot dela stage  
on is each an owywon who hoffi rise now  
fi meet di downin of a diffinpont age ?  
int woz wandohdn jordalfirm konsidelinn  
wen im hear 9 vice like di win seh

a jus tings on times  
wandohs on sines  
but noh get mystic  
be realistic  
on im hein a nex vice like di sea seh  
sometimes di pugent owedoh of decoy  
signal sch bran new lib defi pan di way