

# Lucky Dube, The Other Side

Number In The Book

No glove, no love

You've been hearing this so many times  
don't you think it's time  
to be a little more responsible  
too many people die these days, oh  
if you read the papers, check out the news  
the numbers are there

every number, represents a human being  
who was a father, who was a mother  
a son or a daughter of this land...oh  
you don't make the commitment but your body does  
even if you're dead silent

chorus

you are here today, tomorrow you are gone  
you don't wanna be another number in the book (x3)

in the shadows of the night  
a lady from the street corner talks to a customer  
money exchanges hands  
that's the formality and she says  
no glove, no love  
you can pay me well, but it ain't worth my life  
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it ain't worth my life...oh

The Other Side

His name is Jackson

He lives in Jamaica

Every morning he comes down to the docks to watch the ships come and go  
he's been here too long

mental slavery has not touched him one bit  
he still knows his history, he knows where he comes from  
that is why he believes the ocean can give him answers  
about the very very far home

that he's never been to. All his life he says  
I wish I was home, I wish I was in Africa (x2)

I have seen his world

I've seen the other world. I have nothing to say

I put my coat on my shoulders

as I walked away, I heard myself sing

chorus

The grass is greener on the other side  
til you get there and see it for yourself (x3)

His name is Themba

He lives in Soweto

every morning he goes to the airport to watch the planes come and go

He has changed his African name to a western one  
cause he doesn't know how it hurts to have a name  
you can't be proud of. He hopes that one day  
one of these birds of the sky can take him away  
to a very very far land  
running away from the very roots

that so many black people in the world  
are wanting to come back. A place they call home  
they wish they were home  
they wish they were in Africa (x2)  
I live in his world, I've seen the other world  
I got nothing to say  
I put my coat on my shoulders  
as I walked away, I heard myself sing

Ding Ding Licky Licky Licky Bong  
It seems like it only happened yesterday  
now that I think about it  
tears cannot bring you joy  
but joy can bring you tears  
even though I cry today  
I will not hide it  
It is for a different reason - joy  
that is why I'll shout it out  
for the world to hear  
I say hello, hello happiness  
Oh Jah, thank you  
for another day, I say

Chorus  
Ding ding licky licky licky bong (x3)

another tear drop falls  
but I don't care  
I took a wrong turn in life before  
but I've paid my dues  
objects in the rear view mirror  
they appear closer than they are  
if you don't talk the talk  
don't walk the walk  
if you won't please, don't tease  
another lesson learned  
I'm gonna shout it out again  
hello, hello happiness  
Oh God, thank you  
for another chance  
there is no future in the past  
so shout it out...

Cool Down  
They've been married for seventeen years  
But you can see she don't trust him at all  
and you can see she don't believe he's not cheating  
you can't blame the poor girl  
he's been a busy man  
all his life, like the rest of us  
one day she caught him with another girl  
he said it was his mother  
she caught him with another one  
he said it was his sister  
he's in deep water again  
I don't know what he's gonna say today  
but I won't be surprised  
if he gets out of this one  
like the other ones  
cause I know, he's the Houdini  
of cheaters, hear him now when he says

chorus  
cool down baby, everything is under control  
It doesn't matter where I get my appetite, I always eat at home (x2)

They've been married for seventeen years  
but you can see he don't trust her at all  
and you can see he don't believe she's not cheating  
you can't blame the poor man  
she's been a busy girl  
all her life, like the rest of us  
one day he caught her with another man  
she said it was her father  
he caught her with another one  
she said it was her brother  
I believe it is true  
bird of a feather fly together  
she has learned from the master  
I wasn't surprised at all when I heard her say-ey

#### Family Ties

Ever since they were born  
she was worried about their friends  
even when they turned twenty five  
she was worried about the company they'd keep  
one day it was three in the morning  
the door bell rang  
she got up in a sweat  
blue lights flashing everywhere  
the boys in blue standing at the door  
the look on their faces scared her enough  
before they told her what she was always afraid of

#### chorus

do you know where your son/daughter is tonight  
I'm afraid they won't be coming home tonight

ever since she was brought to this home  
she's been cursing every woman with a child  
she says they brought to this world the curse  
that have stained the good name of mankind  
one day it was three in the morning  
the guard came running to tell us she's gone  
blue lights flashing everywhere  
all over again  
the boys in blue, looking for her  
the look on their faces  
scared us enough when they told us to strengthen our family ties

#### chorus

do you know where your mother/father is tonight  
I'm afraid they won't be coming home tonight

#### Divorce Party

It is not the 4th of July  
but we're celebrating Mr BB and Mrs BB have decided to call it a day  
after so many years, living together  
they have called us here today  
to witness what they call freedom from each other  
they've been living in style, they wanna end it in style  
they wanna end it with a bang.

#### chorus

divorce party, divorce party

we see them now  
in the middle of the room  
holding glasses so high  
they not renewing their sacred vows, not at all

but they're telling everybody  
what they didn't like about each other  
one says, do you remember that day I said that  
do you remember that day (x2) you did that  
I hope our paths will never meet again

Soldier

Stand for the truth you stand alone  
government will cover up  
i saw a man sitting in a room  
holding a gun to his head  
he said man oh man  
what am I gonna do  
I can't change the past but I can change the future  
If I pull this trigger right now, right here  
everything will be overf  
not a day goes by I don't see them in my dreams  
not a day goes by I don't hear them screaming in my ears  
begging for mercy, pleading innocent  
since my heart is made up to be as cold  
as the barrel of this gun I hold  
I would pull the trigger anyway

chorus

I was a soldier, following instructions from a man  
we have known as the general  
so many medals, so many praises  
nothing can take away the guilt  
that I feel inside me  
Government covered up every crime we committed  
against human kind  
not a day goes by, I don't see them in my dreams  
not a day goes by, I don't hear them crying in my ears

Julie! Julie!

I heard of this guy  
He lives up on the mountain  
they say he mixes herbs  
throws the bones, tells the future  
I'm on my way right now  
I wanna know about my future  
with a girl named Julie

Chorus

Julie Julie Julie oh Girl (x2)

Road is hard getting up there  
but they say where there's love  
there'll always be a way  
so Im gonna huff and puff make my way to the mountain  
cause I wanna know my future with a girl named Julie

Chorus

Julie Julie Julie oh Girl (x2)

Some people call him a witch doctor  
but how can he be a witch and a doctor at the same time  
if she's not the right one for me  
I better stop dreaming about her  
I'm on my way right now  
I wanna know my future with a girl named Julie

The Bully

If you know what's good for you  
stay out of his way

if you have no insurance  
stay out of his sight  
he's a bully, from Soweto  
I can tell he's looking for a fight  
Look at his face  
I can tell he's looking for a fight  
Look at his nose, he kills for fun  
He's one of those people we were warned about  
so many years ago  
his days gonna come  
every dog has his day

chorus  
sinners shall never go to heaven (x4)

if you're on the right side of the law, don't be where he is  
he is wanted dead or alive  
he kills for fun, stay out of his way  
I can tell he's looking for a fight  
Look at his face  
I can tell he's looking for a fight  
Look at his nose  
he's a bully from Soweto  
In his world dog eat dog  
That is how we know his day is gonna come  
every dog has his day

Hero  
Do you see the smiles on their faces  
after you have done what you do best  
do you see satisfaction on their faces  
after you have blessed them with your gift  
you don't think it's much  
but to them it means the world  
they wake up in the morning and wish you were there  
don't have to lie to gain their trust  
you have never won a Nobel prize  
they have never seen you on the TV  
your little contribution makes their lives a little bit better every day

chorus  
you're a hero, you're a hero

big it up, big it up  
for the fireman  
big it up, big it up  
for the street cleaners  
big it up for the man and the woman who take care of abandoned children  
big it up, big it up  
for the grandmothers  
who are left to take care of the children  
big it up, big it up Wo!!