

Prince, The Sacrifice Of Victor

What is sacrifice?

(We s... we s... we s... we sacrifice)

NPG in mass attack, Sonny, please.

(we sacrifice)

Church if u will, please turn 2 the book of Victor (We s, We s)

We like 2 start at the top if u don't mind

(we sacrifice)

(Don't say it, preacher)

I was born on a blood stained table

Cord wrapped around my neck

Epileptic 'til the age of 7

I was sure heaven marked the deck

(we sacrifice)

I know joy lives 'round the corner

{Joy for sale down on the corner} (we sacrifice)

One day I'll visit her I'm gonna

{Out on my block I'm just a loner} (we sacrifice)

When she tell me everything {tell me}

That's when the angels sing {sacrifice}

That's when the victory is sho 'nuff {sho 'nuff down with the sacrifice}

(we sacrifice)

(help me)

(Don't say it, preacher)

Mama held up her baby 4 protection

From a man with a strap in his hand

Ask the Victor 'bout pain and rejection

U think he don't when he do understand

(we sacrifice)

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{S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E}

(we-we-we sacrifice)

(Don't say it preacher)

(sac-sacrifice)

(we-we-we sacrifice)

(we-we-we sacrifice)

(sacrifice... if u turn the page)

(Don't say it, preacher)

1967 in a bus marked public schools

Rode me and a group of unsuspecting political tools

Our parents wondered what it was like 2 have another color near

So they put their babies together 2 eliminate the fear

We sacrifice yes we did

Fighting one another, (we sacrifice) (don't say it preacher)

All because of color

The angel of hate - she taught me how 2 kick her

If she called me anything but Victor (u mean like nigger?)

If the only thing that tells me is father time
Then sacrifice is the mutha sublime - we love it

Listen mutha - we sacrifice

(don't... don't... don't say it preacher)

(we sacrifice)

(Well, well, well, well)

(What is sacrifice?)

Hold yo' text, deacon

Never understood my old friends laughing
They got high when everything else got wrong (pass the booze up here)
Dr. King was killed and the streets
They started burnin'
When the smoke was cleared, their high was gone
Education got important, so important 2 Victor
A little more important than ripple and weed
Bernadette's a lady, and she told me (what she say?)
"Whatever u do son, a little discipline is what u need,
Is what u need, u need to sacrifice"

(we sacrifice)

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(what is sacrifice?)

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{S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E}

(we sacrifice) (joy around the corner)
Hey Wendy, how come we... (we sacrifice)
'scuse me y'all (we sacrifice)
We don't don't mean 2 take up yo time (joy around the corner)
But we got something
Heavy on our minds (we sacrifice)
Yes, we do (we sacrifice)
Sometimes, u gotta leave the one u love
Somebody, anybody, everybody wave your hand
Around the corner, there's another sacrifice (joy around the corner)
But u got 2 do the best u can y'all (we sacrifice)
Say u got 2 go through it (go through it)
U got 2 go through it all (go through it all)
High glory, yeah
Sell it, don't tell it, don't tell me (joy around the corner)
[.....] nice at my feet

Lord I might get tired,
But I, I've got 2 keep on (we sacrifice)
Walkin' down this road, (we sacrifice)
Keep on walkin' down this road (joy around the corner)
When I reach my destination (we sacrifice)
My name will be Victor

Amen

