

# Tricky, Blue Lines

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They wanted me for the army or whatever  
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I contemplated a plan on the cell floor  
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Tricky :

Many switch in, switch on, switch off X5

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Nevertheless they cannot understand  
That I'm a black man, and I could never be a veteran.  
On the strength of situations, I'm real.  
I got a raw deal, so I'm lookin' for the steel  
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