

I KNOW WHERE (WE'VE BEEN AND I KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING)

(Tribal melody)

This Continent..was not discovered..It was gifted first to our red brothers and sisters..who all belonged..They fit right in and sang their songs  
(rap)

Old world..It was a mess..With oppression, starvation, and disease  
Whites hungry..Wanting to be free..Just needing a new place to be  
Africans dragged..Dragged in chains..Treated like animals with no brains  
We built..We built together..With hard work and the land of our brother  
A home..A place to be..A new home where we should be free  
The slaves..and the wretched masses..Pityful partners acting like asses  
With fear..and hate in charge..Making walls that got so large  
We couldn't..Couldn't take them down..Just cause we're white, just cause we're brown

And Yellow..And Black and red..We treat each other with fear and dread  
And If..That's not bad enough..We turn on our brothers with this bad stuff  
We kill..our own blood brother..And break the heart of our own mother  
The chains..Pulled our families apart..Stifled our spirit and broke our heart  
The gangs..Started with the chains..They dragged us off like we had no brains  
Our families..They had to live..Without the protection we couldn't give  
Our babies..They had no dad..They didn't expect one, they weren't even sad  
And now..Now here we are..Still chained in gangs and drugs and anger  
And than..Even when we danced..There was no joy or no romance  
We'd shout..and jerk all around..We'd just show off to a loud booming sound  
We'd shout..Our pain a scream..Looking for real life was a long lost dream  
The dream..dwells in our heart..Forget what you've heard and been taught  
(melody with rap influence)

A song..We remember the song..joyous and soulfull and sweet and long  
With heart..Emotion to treasure..With care and love and feelings of pleasure  
The healing..It's going to start..We're going to mend our broken heart  
And stand..Whole well and strong..Our spirits have survived all along  
So now..We know who we are..A worker..an athlete..a scholar..a star  
We'll break..break off that chain..Step apart and use our brain  
To show..To show each other..We can be ourselves and love one another  
Together..In our different ways..We can all break lose beginning today  
Follow me..or lead the way..Let's move ahead to a bygone day  
No fear..Put down the greed..Really look at each other and what do you see?  
We're real..We all have souls..We've all just been playing these phoney roles  
It's fear..We're all pretending..hidden our identity and burying our feelings  
(Tribal melody)

Tribes..We come from Tribes...Loving each other all of our lives  
Tribes..We lived in Tribes...Caring for each other all of our lives  
We knew..From the very first day..We were created from the very same clay  
As our family..We all belonged..We fit right in and we sang our songs  
We know..Knew all along..We had to forget the chains to remember our song

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