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A piece of peace

So they are dying, outcasts Skulls rotting under the scorching sun Smiling mockingly at the rotting flesh Flies dance to the feast of their blood Red blood, thick fresh blood.

The machetes reflect the sun Like a field of diamond and silver Some trickling with blood Others shining, color of silver They die, not peacefully

A piece of peace Not the whole peace Not more than a piece They deserved to live And tale tales of the past

Anger has mystified their souls Brainwashed their minds Corrupted their hearts And hands yearn for weapons They hunger for flesh and blood

A piece of peace Lost under the pieces of chaos Violence a tune for the strong Blood a music for the weak And flies party, the sun scorches.

Absent sir, present

SILENCE!!!!

I mean, everyone should stay Silent And at my command stand still

SILENCE!!!

Who's talking now?

No more words without action

Love?

Absent Sir

Trust?

Absent Sir

So who is present now?

Honesty

Absent sir

SILENCE!

Where are these people, where are they?

Hatred?

Present sir! I came earlier today

Shut up! Doubt?

Present sir

Lies?

Present sir, I am always punctual

SILENCE!

Stand up at my command

When will Love ever be present?

The day I, hatred, will be Absent sir

Really? Is that so?

When will Trust resume to duty

Sir, when doubt will be absent

I doubt if she ever misses to report

Lies, Did I ask you a question, Did I?

Sir, sir... I have a concern, Sir, listen

Shut up Mr. Concern, I am the king of Pride

And will not allow your concerns to reach the Leader

Hatred and Doubt, my friends, we have to pull them down

Stand up fellow present members

Let's stand together to fight peace

Too late Mr. pride,

Our absence was nothing but a concern

Trust Went from north to south

Love travelled from east to west

And I, Mr. Concern Preached the song of love and harmony We Sang the songs of peace And now, we pronounce you, ABSENT

Hatred? Absent sir, he was not seen today Doubt, Absent sir Lies Absent sir, she never came today

Love
Present sir, always present
Trust
Present sir, present
Honesty
Always Present sir
We are here to serve the nation

The sacrifices we make

You will feed us with honey and milk
To bribe us away from the pain
But the memories will be buried deep within us
Plunging deep down the thoughts of sorrow
Like a small ship lost in the middle of a raging sea
Or a plane in the middle of a stormy night
And silently, within the verge of our sorrow
We will summon death for comfort
And take pain with us
To ease the burden in our hearts

We will laugh together 'till midnight
To give you hopes of triumph
And a sense of victory and pride
But when we lay silently in our beds
In the cold lonely nights,
The buried memories will find their way out
To torment and lure us to pain
Mocking and making fun at us
As we bath in tears of our sorrows
And fighting ourselves back to slumber

Nights will not be time to sleep
For fear will be roaming at the darkest hours
Waiting to pounce on our beaten souls
And take control of the long nights
We will be enslaved by our memories

Tortured by the past bitter pains
To the point of breaking our souls
And killing the little joy we possessed
Extinguishing the light lit years ago
And hope and happiness will float in the dark

We will laugh and smile all day
And you will praise us for our happiness
And urge others to be like us
To follow the steps we ought to make
But you won't understand our griefs
And not notice the masks we wear
That fades as dusk approaches
Leaving us naked, afraid and lonely
And the chains of fear will be put on us
As we wait for our long night of torture

You won't see the sorrow behind our joy Neither The ugly part of our beauty Nor sense the fears behind our courage For our masks are only worn at dawn To give us a false impression of joy Of courage, of happiness and of love And you will marvel and make merry Of how you succeeded to change us And people will praise and sing songs for you But we will still wait for night, for torture