

## Dutiful Servants and Political Masters

Chumbawamba

Things were rather different in Great Grandfather's day  
He just put a chain around their ankles and made them work for  
no pay  
He took everything they owned and yet still demanded more  
He did a bloody good job in taming the poor

Now I'm rather more subtle, I say 'I'll tell you what I'll do  
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I'll do everything I can to try and help you  
And you'll be helping me,' I say, 'I'll see that you're alright  
You can have a place of your own, you can even pretend to be white.  
And you won't have to worry, I'll have a quiet word with your mates  
Oh they'll be alright, they'll have enough on their plates  
I'll put a bit in their mouths; you just pull hard on the reins  
They'll do anything for you and they won't complain...

You'll be so much better off,' I say, 'You can share my paradise  
Just sign my piece of paper and I'll organise your life.'  
And it never fails, it does the trick, it works every time  
So me and my dear wife and the family's doing fine

Great Grandad got his Dukedom when slavery was abolished  
Dead old dad became a Viscount when the Empire was finished  
But times have changed, and for the better, with freedom of choice -  
We're a thousand times richer, QED His Master's Voice

What could be worse than under the fist of this white man, and  
pay him to oppress you? The answer is to live under the fist of  
the black  
man who is living under the fist of the white man; and such was  
, and still is,  
the sorry of African women.