

# I Tried

## Culture

I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
To make them understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand

I tried and I tried and the Lord know I tried  
To make them understand  
I tried, oh tried how I tried  
But they just can't understand

The more victimization is up on their back  
The more foolish they becomes  
The more victimization is up on their back  
They satisfy Lord for less

I tried, oh Jah how I tired  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand

Poor God, people  
When will they ever learn?

This one turn them fool, that one turn them fool  
So what are they waiting for  
Fix up yourself and prepare to meet Jah  
That will satisfy Lord for more

I tried, oh Jah how I tried  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand

Father die in pain, Mother die in pain  
Slavery continue  
They say we have no right no where  
In no corner of the world

And I tried to make them notice  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried to make them know  
But they just can't understand

Twenty-four hours make one day, they told us  
Seven days make a week  
And out of all that they hold 365 days  
They can only name you seven days

I tried, I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand

We beat drums at night, we beat drums by day  
They take no heed  
The church bell a-ring and the children a-sing  
And them still satisfy Lord for less

I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they still can't understand

Son is waiting at condemned cell for his sentence  
You know  
Father in the field can't find nothing  
And mother nah no money

I tried, I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand  
I tried and I tried and I tried and I tried  
But they just can't understand

My Daddy was sure, my Mommy was poor  
Ain't got no money  
Still no bother me, all I need to see  
Is love and unity