

96 Degrees  
In the shade  
Real hot in the shade

Said it was 96 degrees in the shade  
Ten thousand soldiers on parade  
Taking I and I to meet a big fat boy  
Sent from overseas  
The queen employ  
Excellency before you I come  
With my representation  
You know where I'm coming from

You caught me on the loose  
Fighting to be free  
Now you show me a noose  
On the cotton tree  
Entertainment for you  
Martyrddom for me

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Some may suffer and some may burn  
But I know that one day my people will learn  
As sure as the sun shines, way up in the sky  
Today I stand here a victim the truth is I'll never die

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