

## Story

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Wance upon a time  
Jus like inna nursery rime  
Before piggy tun swine  
Mi did wear  
Mi fear  
Pan mi face  
Like a shiel  
Like a mawsk  
An evrybody tink mi cool an deadly

Nottn yu coulda seh  
Woulda mek mi tek it awf  
An if yu get mi nervos  
Ah voulda jus lawf it awf  
An evrybody tink mi cool an deadly

But not soh long ago  
Ins like inna pitcha show  
Whey di hero get a blow  
Mi spirit get vex  
An mi get soh resless  
Dat mi get careless  
An goh bare mi mawgah chess  
Mi newah indah tink seh  
At it mek outa glaas  
Dat di whole wide worl coulda si  
Right dung to di vien inna mi awt  
Ow dem twis-up  
Ow dem tie-up  
Ow dem tite-up  
O mi awt  
Ow it cut-up  
Ow it crawl-up  
Ow it scar-up  
( it is a aad awt fi mawstah yu noe  
Dis smilin an skinin yu teet  
Wen yu awt sweel-up soh till yu feel it a goh bus  
Wen yu cyaan fine di rime fi fit di beat  
Wen yu cyan fine di ansah fi di puzzle complete)  
Soh mi tek awf mi mawsk  
An staat fi wear daak glaas  
But eery so awftin  
Mi haffi tek it awf  
An evry nowanden  
Mi fine mi laas  
Oonu evah  
Si mi trial  
Si mi crawsiz ?