

## Shades Of Brown

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They say the darkest hour is just before the dawn  
In chess, without exception, white moves the first pawn  
They called it "Black Tuesday" when the stock market crashed  
A fix in 1919 turned the White Sox to Black  
Black balled, black magic, executioner's hood  
White hatted, white horsed, champion of good  
Black knight of Dark Ages on the darkest night  
The Pope walks in truth, head to toe in white

Who started all this bullshit - were they looking for a fight?  
You didn't have to be there to know that they were white  
But when you're talking skin tone, let's not fuck around  
Cause no one's really black or white, we're all just shades of brown

Black hearted, black beard on the briney deep  
Or the family outcast you call the black sheep  
Days of black plague - draw your final breath  
Heading for heaven white dying of Black Death

Mankind is preoccupied to keep each other down  
Some use superstition, a Bible or a crown  
At best it's fear and ignorance, at worst, it's a sin  
Not God and country, king or crown, it's the pigment of our skin  
Used to reinforce what's wrong or right  
It's really just the presence or absence of light  
In the blackest hour of the blackest day  
It isn't mighty white of us, but we gotta say

White when your marry, black when you die  
A racial hierarchy, a festering white lie  
White stands for ignorance, pure and sincere  
But if you're talking bigotry it should be crystal clear  
The new world becond, the immigrants came  
Homogenized their culture, anglicized their names  
Then they painted Jesus, blonde with eyes of blue  
Not a Nazarene, more a nazi than a Jew  
In the black revolution with their Black Power found  
Till their leaders were all jailed or stomped into the ground  
And the final step ironic - to nail that coffin tight  
The powder of enslavement in their glassine bags of white