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An Amazing Story

Is these things that does amaze me.
Why the paparazzi wouldn't leave Michael
alone?
Is just jealous they jealous the boy.
Ah mean to say who in this world could boast
Of being born a black man and today is now a
white woman.
Yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

An you cyar tell me that Michael
Eh do a number of facial over hauls.
What make he feel
That he could throw wool over my eyes?
But what ah want to know
Is if he do a face lift of he genes too,
Because when I look at the state of them
Children he callin he own,
Is either them mother give he a six for a nine
Or the test tube get mix up in the lab.
So yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

An yes sar ah must tell yuh this too.
The World Health Organization is boo
Because they cyar tell yuh WHO
Start the SARS business.
But any dam fool could see
Is Bin Laden what send that for we.
He find they get rid of the anthrax too fast.
So yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

Everything bad they blame it black!
Aids come from Africa and Ebola too.
Then it have some insects stinging
If you please
And they call them
The African killer bees.
Now for once it have a disease
That they now blaming on the Chinese.
So yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

So all who know they can't do without
Chow mein, wanton and kai sue kai fan
Will have to starve.
Chinatown close down
And the Spadina street car
Say no SAR they not driving that far.
Yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

An everybody done know
That the prerequisite to be on a hockey team
Is to have no teeth.
So when dem two high school drop out
Don Cherry and Wayne Gretsky say
That they oppose Chretien's stand not to
support
The war in Iraq, me eh even bother,
Because them two ain't have no teeth in this
matter.
Who the hell make them authority
On Canadian foreign policy?
All they good to do is run behind a hockey stick
and pock.
**Now yuh see is these things that does amaze
me.**

And thank God for the Taliban
Black people could travel in peace.
I pass thru US and Canadian immigration in a
ease
Because they ain't bothering with my kind these
days.
A Jamaican Rasta man tell me
He even pass thru with a bundle of bay leaves.
So yuh see is these things that does amaze me.

An when the set ah snow fall down so
An not a plough out for hours
And Air Canada say they eh have no deicing
fluid
For she fleet an dem
Because they thought the spring season come
Canadian winter eh play it does amaze me.

An when yuh go to pick up yuh family in the
airport
In that kinda weather and yuh playing cheap,
Ain't want to pay in a car park
So you tell yuh fren
To go an look for the passenger
while you circle
And end up in Halton
Because yuh ain't understand all them
Diversion signs it have up at the airport.
Yuh see is these things that does amaze me.
No! is what a maze I find my ass in.

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