

Abeng In Beijing - By Fabian Thomas

Like
 Lightning-lit
 Torrential rain
 Usain
 Bolted
 Ahead of the world
 From Sherwood, Trelawny
 This 'sprint anomaly
 Stamped his sunshine-bred supremacy
 Shattering red, white & blue ascendancy
 It was bound to spark controversy
 An some almhouse chat from the IOC
 Oh I see
 The real issue is
 How dare he?
 Dis lickle black bwoy
 From di land of wood & wata
 Him too outta arda
 They hoped he would falter
 Now dem waan test wi yam an cassava Like lightning-lit
 Torrential rain
 Usain
 Took it to dem
 Then danced barefoot
 While the world watched
 He danced for us
 In a language they did not understand
 Like the abeng of old
 They could not decode
 Bad min a go meck
 Some a dem explode
 Oh say can you see?
 Dem cyan chat to wi
 Did you see the untied lace?
 Dem a go tiyad fi si Usain face
 Hol's on, my bad
 Let me correct what I said
 Dem a ago tiyad fi si
 Di back a Usain head!

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