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# Forms of Government

"Who's Making the Rules?"

I know you guys in America have your democracy, and that's awesome, but in my country, we've been through every form of government. Let me tell you about it.

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But there is some form of government that's governing you.  
And when people get disillusioned,  
That's when we see a revolution.

In my land, you need to ask who's running it,  
We've lived through every single form of government.  
It started out, we didn't have any laws,  
People did whatever they wanted just because.  
That's anarchy, no government at all,  
People robbed and killed in the free-for-all.  
No police, just gangs and bandits,  
Until some families joined up and demanded,  
A king to rule over the land,  
And when the king died, his kids ruled after him,  
Which means that we lived in a monarchy,  
Where crowns and thrones move through the family.  
Until somebody flat out got sick of it,  
Led an armed revolution just to go against.  
Overthrew the king and kidnapped his kids,  
Overnight we lived in a dictatorship.  
One single person calling all of the shots,  
Power-tripping in his palaces or one of his yachts.

So much propaganda from the state-controlled media,  
And harsh punishments if we beefed with the leader, yep.

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But the dictator died and the army started running it,  
A few leaders controlling the whole government,  
That's an oligarchy, and the heads of military,  
Ruled by force which was really pretty scary.  
With war on their mind we lived through violent times,  
And the laws were designed to help the more refined.  
Till the church made it a crime to live this way,  
Religion should be the law for how we live each day.  
With laws built by religious leaders now in charge.  
It was a theocracy, laws came from god —  
Or one religion's version. We still couldn't vote,  
Oppressive rule still shaped the country no joke,  
It was OK if you agreed,  
but anyone who didn't was probably getting beat.  
We wanted a voice, and we wanted to be free,  
We organized as a direct democracy,  
Where everyone gets to vote on all the laws,  
Everyone has a voice, cuz we're all in charge.  
Things got better and you know how it showed?  
The population began to explode.  
With so many people to be spoken for,  
They had to better organize just to ensure,  
That we all were represented and this just means,  
That we became a representative democracy.

With a lean new team built around a constitution,  
And elected officials who upheld and used it.  
It's been long a story, and it never ends,  
Cuz another revolution might come again.

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