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Imperialism

"The Sun Never Sets"

"Ma'am, ma'am, won't you tell me why they say the sun never sets on the British Empire?"

"Well that's because we've colonized the entire world."

It's a big world and it's ours to have.

We'll even take it from you 'cause we want it that bad.

India, Africa? We won't get tired,

'Cause the sun never sets on the British Empire. (x2)

Who kicked off all industry?

Yup, it was us Brits, you can trust me.

But now our raw materials are looking dusty.

"Let's try Imperialism?"

Ahh that's what it must be.

Looks like indigenous peoples are hurting,

"We should help them out, it's the white man's burden."

Run up in their land, take their gold,

Get them under control, yo, anything goes!

"I thought it was our mission to civilize."

They'll give us what we want, but all we've got to give is lies.

"Social Darwinism says we're more advanced,

And we don't need dark-skinned people as friends."

Africa, Asia, we'll make them Christians,

And if they don't listen, we'll put them in the kitchen.

"Or perhaps make them Sepoys?"

Yup they need to learn,

We'll claim the South Pole, we're colder than freezer-burn.

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"God save the Queen, this jungle's hot!"

"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

"No, it's not me! You must have the wrong bloke. It's too hot for me here. I'm heading back home."

Africa was too hot to handle,

But let's gamble, everybody scramble!

"Pardon me, but what about Malaria?"

Here, I got some quinine that'll take care of you.

Before then it used to be scarier.

"And now everyone in Europe is there."

The more the merrier.

Ever since trains and the steamboat,

We've been able to further enslave these people.

"It only took two decades,

Now we've all got a guaranteed way to get paid."

Well OK, but what about Cecil Rhodes?

He was racist and his ego was diesel, yo.

He named countries after himself,

And started mining diamonds, building his wealth.

"With only two lands that escaped our hands,

Our conquest of Africa is all going to plan."

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Now- South Africa had its own system,
For years now, that's where the Dutch had been living.
They're the Boers, or Afrikaners,
Thought that their white skin gave them all the honors.
They threw the natives onto reservations,
But Shaka Zulu led a retaliation.
And a little later they were facing,
A war going on for control of their nation.
You can leave it to the Brits,
Who fought the Boer War, they were trying to get rich,
Locked them in camps till they all called it quits,
Took control, made a bunch of laws that were racist. (Apartheid.)
With India they did the same,
Imperialism can be a hate-filled game.
"Well at last, our reign has retired."
Finally the sun set on the British Empire.