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Spartacus & Ancient Rome

"I Am Spartacus"

They call me Spartacus, I was a normal guy
Until the Romans invaded; I watched my mama die.
She didn't get a grave, they killed my father, too,
They made me a slave and told me what to do.
Made me a gladiator, they threw me in the ring, and
I fought some lions and soldiers, I'm fighting everything.
They make you kill a man, they make you kill again,
I killed a guy, took his helmet off; It was my friend.
I said, this needs to end, I mean I'm getting close,
I'm like Vesuvius, baby, I mean I'm set to blow.
The Roman Republic got rich off of slave's backs,
So now I think we need some payback.
Me and 69 guys snuck into the kitchen,
Got 69 knives, this was the beginning
Of the uprising, and we escaped our cells,
Spread the word to other slaves: you can escape as well.
And they flocked to me; see, they wanted to see
What life's like when you "give us, us free."
Like Julius Caesar, I led a whole movement,
We had a 120,000 humans!

You want to know who Spartacus is?

I'm Spartacus

Now the senators started getting scared in Rome,
'Cause we were plundering land near their summer homes.

We were fearless; I was like, send your best generals,
Send me your Pompeys and Caesars.
I'm not a DJ, this hit's not the remix,
We started this like Romulus and Remus.
"Slaves, join us if you've had enough,"
We moved on like water through an aqueduct.
So you can pray to Jupiter, you can pray to Mars,
You'll need more than gods, you'll be seeing stars.
Now Rome had a problem, I'm Spartacus,
And we fight to the death if you're harming us.
But I didn't want this; I wanted peace, I wanted Pax,
I wanted to be clean like a public bath.
I want to walk with my daughter through Rome,
In the Forum, maybe hear a speech, in the Colosseum, see a show.
But Roman legions came, and yes, they are well-trained,
I'd rather die free than live like a slave.
I'll beat them back, I said, I'll beat them back,
I'm free now, and I'll never go back!