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‘Permanent Holiday’ is a song about change. So many people have shared with me the change that this song has brought about in their lives, that it’s been their anthem for taking back their power, their sovereignty.

It’s brought about no greater change in anyone’s life than my own, though. It’s the song that introduced me to most of you, that brought me around the world.

I hope you know all the words by now, but in case you’ve been scratching your head at what I’m saying on a few of those lines, we thought we’d put together this nifty lyric video for you, complete with syllable-building bridge breakdown section, in case you want to try your hand at plugging a microphone in to a loop pedal and piecing it together yourself.

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*Oh Lord, I'm on a permanent holiday
I'm going outside to play
I ain't gonna slave away
Not for no corporate Babylon
I'm never gonna be a pawn in their manipulation games*

*Oh Lord I'm taking the reins
I'm breaking the chains
I'm never gonna kneel, no way
My prophet is Heaven sent
No preacher or president can lead I astray
They'll never know
I'm taking Jah highway home*

*Oh I've got my own path to follow
Don't know if you'll overstand
I've got my own truth to swallow
And you know that if I could you know I would throw my
guitar on my back, pick up the slack, and leave here
tomorrow
But I know that I am a pawn of Babylon I got to face the
facts, embrace the axe, and cut these chains off my sorrow*

*So I'm on a permanent holiday
I'm going outside to play
I ain't gonna slave away, no, not for no corporate babylon
I'm never gonna be a pawn in their manipulation games*

*Ten thousand years of captivity
We must eventually
Open up our eyes and see
They're manipulating we
With so much uncertainty
And so many mysteries
Why are so few questioning
The unnatural state of things?*

It's a nightmare

*We're living in a nightmare
Everyone's living so scared
They're virtually unaware
Of this fear that rules their lives
Occupies, consumes their minds
This fear of bankruptcy
Financial impotency
It's funny money, money, money
It's all this digital currency, woah yeah
It's all this monopoly money
That keeps us from ever being free*

*And so it seems we'll be in this prison for life
'cause if we keep buying then they'll keep selling the lie
So it's up to I and I...*

*Ohh Lord, I won't be manipulated, mind-controlled, and
inundated
I will seek the Revelation, make my life a celebration
I will be the change I'm seeking, manifest the words I'm
speaking
I refuse to be imprisoned. I will make my own decisions*

*I'm on a permanent holiday
I'm going outside to play
I ain't gonna slave away
Not for no corporate babylon
I'm never gonna be a pawn in their manipulation games*

*Oh Lord I'm taking the reins
I'm breaking the chains
I'm never gonna kneel, no way
My prophet is Heaven sent
No preacher or president can lead I astray
They'll never know. I'm taking Jah highway home*

*I'll never go astray
I'm leaving the past*

*And forwarding fast
'cause freedom is here to stay*

*Oh Lord we got to take back the knowledge
We got to take back the power
We got to take back the knowledge
We got to take back the power
We got to take back the knowledge
To take back the power
Take back what they have stolen from our hearts
And we got to take back the esoteric knowledge
Ohh Lord for too long they've been keeping us apart
Ohh yes, we got to take back the knowledge, take back the
power, humanity don't let this be our final hour*

*Take back the knowledge, take back the power, humanity
don't let this be our final hour
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*Take back the knowledge
Take back the power*

Alternate version – Live at HiSessions: