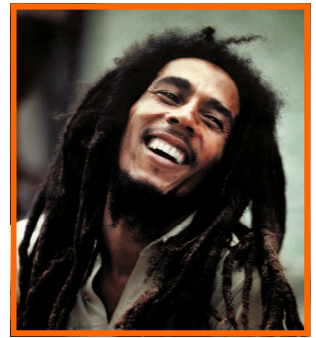


# Redemption song

by Bob Marley



**1 .This song is a freedom song! Do you want to know its meaning?**

**Match the lyrics of the song with their explanation on the right column.**

**Old pirates, yes, they rob I; \_\_\_\_\_**

Sold I to the merchant ships,  
Minutes after they took I  
From the bottomless pit.

**But my hand was made strong**

**By the 'and of the Almighty. \_\_\_\_\_**

**We forward in this generation**

**Triumphantly. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Won't you help to sing**

**This songs of freedom \_\_\_\_\_**

'Cause all I ever have:

Redemption songs;

**Redemption songs \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery \_\_\_\_\_**

**None but ourselves can free our minds. \_\_\_\_\_**

Have no fear for atomic energy,

'Cause none of them can stop the time.

**How long shall they kill our prophets,**

**While we stand aside and look? Ooh! \_\_\_\_\_**

Some say it's just a part of it:

We've got to fullfil the book.

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**Redemption songs:**

**These songs of freedom,**

**Songs of freedom. \_\_\_\_\_**

**1.**“Emancipate” means “liberate” or “free.”After years of colonization, foreign empires that took over the Caribbean have caused the poor and oppressed to believe that they are worthless. Bob Marley encourage his listeners to reclaim their humanity through transforming that psychological bind.

**2.**Bob Marley says that the poor and exploited should move forward without fear. He insists that they will conquer that which they hope to conquer, despite adversity.

**3.**Bob Marley makes a call to action, insisting that people should respond with anger toward those who kill people who speak the truth.

**4.**Bob Marley invites his listeners to join him in singing freedom songs so that everyone can share in the optimism he has for creating a better world.

**5.**“Redemption” can be described as transforming something which is bad into something which is good, like turning a terrible situation into one of peace and justice.

**6.**Bob Marley describes how he maintained a high moral because God, “the Almighty,” encouraged him.

**7.**Bob Marley means to say that we can't wait for another group to come and liberate us. We must liberate ourselves.

**8.**Marley opens “Redemption Song” by describing a scene in which he is captured by pirates.

**9.**“Redemption Song” is about liberating the poor and oppressed from those who enslave them and cause them to suffer. It is a song of hope for the hopeless.

LET'S DISCUSS!



**What about you?**

**Do you suffer from mental slavery?**

**Are you free?**