

Di Hassle bout di Battle

Seventeen Ninety-six's 'Vete!' meet mixed British strategy
Fight/flight tiff fix democratically by Burnaby
Weh mek fifty-one losers ah voters one sixteen
When di Flowers Bank Fourteen seh, 'Sah, please put we een'.

Maybe da lee few mi really willing fi chruu
Glad, grateful fi di bush, wa fresh gimitankyou
'Oh tank yu Sa fi di vote weh mi bredda nuh gat
Tank yu fi mi freedom, Gaad wehn bless yu wa lat'.

Bout fifteen months wait wit shush di pour een
Baymasta, free slave, real slave - all fi di queen
Di sitting duck de get Jamaican arms as a hand
Di wait fi lattah Spanish fa Latinised Yucatan

St. George's Caye mi neva did safe baka di reef
Caz she mi well pen up between two facey thief
British seh dehn win, di Spanish dehn gone
'Tank yu Sah fi gimi dis Belize weh ah baahn'.

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