

AND THAT'S THE THING ABOUT IGNORANCE

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and that's the thing about ignorance
It can seem a lot like an innocent joke
or
it can look a lot like the law

that's the thing about ignorance
it can feel a lot like oppression
it can feel a lot like fear

and that's the thing about fear
you can feel it round your neck
you can hear it tell you things

and that's the thing about words
they can put you out in the street
they can meet you in an alley

they can be sharp things
they can look a lot like blood
they can strike you, knock you down

and that's the thing about hands
they can be hands
or they can be fists
you decide

and that's the thing about ignorance
it's a choice,
and it's yours
every time.



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