

I Am A White Man And I'm Sorry

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Music by Noah Fleetwood

Am F C E7

I am a white man and I'm sorry

Am F C

Cos everything is all my fault

Dm

The list of wrongs will never end

Am

Must spend my life in recompense

E7 Am

Just being born a white man is assault

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So even though I didn't do them

Am F C

I am the one who you should blame.

Dm

For any kind of injury

Am

At any time in history

E7

Even if in antiquity

F

The fault so clearly lies with me

E7 A

I should be lynched, discredited and shamed

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I've googled what I'm to blame for. And there is

A

Poverty, injustice, global warming, house prices
Rape gangs, homelessness, Communism, drug addiction

D

Terrorism, populism, chauvinism, fascism

A

Population growth and plastic in the ocean.

E7

Bias in the media, religious fundamentalism

A

Knife crime, gun crime, corporate crime and hate crime

A

Obesity, inflation, bad traffic, unemployment
Floods, teen depression, income inequality

D

Anything bad that happens in Africa

A

Misogyny, tsunamis, slavery and ISIS

E7

Covid 19, homophobia

A

Animal abuse, mosquito-born diseases

BIG BREATH

A

Famine, melting ice caps, lack of opportunity
Suicide, racism, teenage pregnancy

D

Erosion of the family, CO2 levels

A

Meteor strikes, mass movement of people

E7

Corruption in the Third World, looting and riots

A

The failures of socialism, wars, pedophilia

VERSE 1A

Am F C E7
It's hard to know what's more offensive
Am F C
My being male or being white
Dm
What's more I went to public school
Am
I'm over 50. That ain't cool
E7 Am
We all know well that none of this is right

VERSE 2A

Am F C E7
I am a privileged oppressor
Am F C
If I'd known, I'd have not been born / If I had known I'd not be born
Dm
I should be fined, pay extra tax
Am
Be mugged or looted and attacked
E7 Am
Have all my property ransacked
F
No platformed if I dare speak back
E7
My just desert is to be left forlorn

Am F C E7
I'm a white man and I'm sorry. For things like

A

The internet, the smartphone, modern medicine, motor cars
Steam engines, jet engines, petrol engines, railways

D

Refrigeration, television, running water, space travel

A

Radio, computers, the satellite, GPS

E7

Nuclear fission, electricity

A

Photography, plastics, central heating, sewage systems

A

The toilet, the light bulb, eye glasses, anaesthesia
Aeroplanes, the printing press, piano, the bicycle

D

Video games, the telescope, the microscope,

A

The training shoe, guitars, laser, microchips, nylon

E7

Amplified sound, vaccination, the battery

A

The electric motor, antibiotics

BREATH

CODA

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He is a white man and he's sorry

Am F C

His role on earth is now complete

Dm

Like dodos, landlines or the fax

Am

Cassettes, steam engines, betamax

E7 Am

And now the white man is obsolete

FULL SONG WITHOUT CHORDS

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