DANNY'S DOWNS
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ON THE DAY LITTLE DANNY ARRIVED
HIS FATHER STARED AND HIS MOTHER CRIED
THEY KNEW HIS NAME BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHY
HE LOOKED THE WAY HE DID THIS THING HAPPENS TO OTHER KIDS
HOW IN THE WORLD ARE WE GONNA LIVE WITH A BOY LIKE THAT?

DOCTOR SAID,"DAN'S THE FIRST BAD NEWS
SECOND IS HIS HEART WON'T MAKE IT THROUGH
IT MUST BE FIXED UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO SEND HIM BACK WHERE HE CAME
STARVE THE BOY FROM HIS NAME JUST SIX SHORT DAYS OF PAIN
OR MAYBE LESS"

CHORUS:
DANNY'S DOWNS BUT LOVE IS UP; IT'S BEEN KNOWN TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH
FOR MORE AND MORE OF US DANNY'S DOWNS BUT LOVE IS UP

"I'M NOT THAT STRONG," HIS FATHER SAID
"THE DREAMS ARE GONE, THE HOPES HAVE FLED
WON'T BE LONG AFTER HE'S DEAD
WE'LL TRY AGAIN TO FIND THE CHILD WE HAD IN MIND
WHERE THE HELL ARE THOSE PAPERS TO SIGN?" AND THE MAN BROKE DOWN

IN A PRIVATE ROOM DANNY'S MOTHER WEPT
AS AN OLD JAMAICAN WOMAN SWEPT AND NOT BY CHANCE THEIR EYES MET
(AND SHE SAID) "GOD'S GIFTS ARE ONLY GOOD Y'KNOW
AND THERE AIN'T NO LOVE THE LORD CAN'T GROW
AW HONEY, TAKE THAT BOY WITH YA WHEN YA GO BACK HOME

(Chorus)

IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE SURGERY
HIS SISTER'S 5, HIS BROTHER'S 3
HE GOES TO SCHOOL AND HE KNOWS HOW TO READ
HE TAKES THE BUS HOME BY HIMSELF PUTS HIS LUNCH PAIL BACK UPON THE SHELF
AND HE HUGS HIS MOMMA TILL SHE MELTS TO THE FLOOR

THEY'RE MORE THAN A HOME, THEY'RE A FAMILY
'CAUSE BLOOD AND BONES ARE STILL SOULS Y'SEE
AND SOMEONE'S BABY'S JUST ANOTHER DANNY
AND IN THE GUEST ROOM IN THE BACK LIVES THIS OLD JAMAICAN BLACK
'CAUSE WHEN YOU GIVE A GIFT GOD GIVES IT BACK AGAIN.

(Chorus)

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