

## **Justice Lyrics Analysis**

Justice! Justice! Justice! Justice!

We demand social reforms
To reclaim who we are
We demand moral freedoms
Does it matter who we are?
We demand equality
So we can all be who we are
We demand the end to tyranny
So that justice can be restored

My aim with Justice—like a lot of my music—was to write a song that was catchy, danceable and had a strong social message. Think of half my songs as modern protest songs. They are meant to stimulate the body, the mind and stir the soul. I do not preach, I educate. I want you to wake up.

At its core, Justice is a song about Freedom and demanding our basic rights as human beings.

I start by making my intentions clear by chanting Justice! like a mantra.

We want... just this: Justice! We need... just this: Justice! We want... just this: Justice! We need... just this: Justice! We want... just this: Justice! We need... just this: Justice! We want... just this: Justice! We need... just this: Justice! We want... just this: Justice! We want... just this: Justice!

Unlike a lot of songs (mine included) that use poetic language as an allegory to tell a story, I wanted Justice to be direct and clear, no allusions, no metaphors, just a specific set of demands. The world is in really bad shape right now. It is in such a state of imbalance that we need justice's balance to even things out.

Next, with *We want, we need...* I play with words and juxtapose *just this* with *justice*. I like playing with words and meaning, I find it stimulating. When the two intersect nicely you get something quasi magical.

Rock the boat
So we can get some calm
Rock that boat!
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Rock that boat!
I Said rock the boat
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I also wanted the we want, we need parts to sound like the equivalent of something scratching at your ears.

The Rock the boat line is a wink to **Bob Marley**'s Satisfy My Soul were he sings "Please don't you rock my boat" He meant it as a gentle reminder to relax to keep things steady. For change to happen, we NEED to rock that metaphorical boat! That is the only way to reclaim order. I use irony to illustrate the point. The calm after the storm. A process we need to go through soon.



We can't wait another day
'Cause tomorrow's never known
We can't wait another day
'Cause our time it might be gone
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This next part uses a bit of Zen philosophy, which I enjoy a lot because it usually poses questions as answers. In life and in general, I think questions are more important than answers. Answers tend to be final: here you are. Questions active your thought process and are intellectually stimulating (not a bad thing at all.)

There are more slaves today
Than at any other time in history
One of every 200 person
Is a slave!

We cannot wait another day to act: the future is now, we shape it daily. If we don't act we do not have control, hence anything can happen. Newsflash, and this isn't pretty: the human race is speeding towards extinction. We need to correct our course (see: another boat analogy.)

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The slaves part, and the whole song for that matter was inspired by an article I read in **The Guardian** entitled <u>One in 200 people is a slave. Why?</u> After reading it I just couldn't stay silent, that is why I wrote Justice.

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Slavery in this modern age is very insidious. It has many shapes. Look at the prison system in the USA, really look at it. It will shock you. The monster Jeff Bezos, owner (were you have owners... you have slaves) of Amazon (boycott Amazon!) and the richest man in history pays his "employees" such a meager wage that not only do they work in a highly stressful environment under terrible working conditions, but a lot of them have to resort to food stamps to survive. You might say that they have a choice and not work there. The truth of it is that a lot of people lack the proper education (thanks to the Governments: it is much easier to control an uneducated population) and skills to work anything else that manual labor jobs. Just because a salary is attached does not make it any less slavery.

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I dedicate this song to all my fellow human beings that are being held in a captive state. Physically and mentally. You are in my thoughts. My heart aches for you.

Peace and Love,

Charluxx.

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