

Indigo (Revolt) Just1L - Randy Drilingas ©2015

A peasant movement and subsequent uprising of indigo farmers against the indigo planters that arose in Bengal in 1859. Two main players. The Indigo Planters (modern day CEO) and the peasants whom they owned. oppression.

You can hear me (Statement from peasants that the sellers of the Indigo knew what they were doing to the peasants.)

What do you got me planting? (Peasants questioning the reasoning behind planting Indigo rather than crops. Questioning why do something that isn't in their best interests)

What are these seeds I've sown? (Refers to the the dadon loans that were impossible to pay off as well as referring to the Indigo which the planters knew little about)

You misunderstand me. (Don't think for a second I value profit over feeding and keeping my family safe with a home over their head.)

I'm only trying to make a home. (self-explanatory)

Why do I feel so blue? (What lead to the feelings of sadness and hopelessness?)

Indebted to a lack of hope. (refers again to the dadon loans that will never be paid off, leading them to a feeling of hopelessness through oppression. What happens when people get to the point of realizing they have no hope for the future)

You brought upon this sadness. (peasants were pushed to take the loans and plant Indigo. They'd be fine if they hadn't had this forced upon them.)

And pushed me to Indigo. (forced oppression eventually broke them down to the last straw, a revolt)

WooHoo - WooHoo - WooHoo - WooHoo (Sarcastic woohoo. Like being told we have great health insurance and the premiums are only going up \$185 per month ... after we pay that and our \$5,000 deductible, they'll handle the rest. Get the Same Thing - Now with higher pricing! Woohoo. But we should be thankful, imagine what we'd pay without insurance.

Greed's a diseased companion. (Due to the high demand and profits, peasants

were oppressed for profit. When people are greedy, money and that greed are their best friend)

Blind eye to the exposed. (Greed made the Indigo Planters overlook and/or not care about what it was doing to the peasants)

Leads one to demanding. (The Indigo Planters didn't care about the peasants or what happens to them, just the profits)

Another takes a crushing blow. (Peasants lost their homes and more)

Why do I feel so blue? (What lead to the feelings of sadness and hopelessness?)

I'd rather have to beg than sow. (loosely stated quote from peasant farmer Hadji Mulla who'd had enough)

It leaves me feeling hopeless. (The main, last straw feeling that leads to revolt).
And pushes me to Indigo.

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If you really watch me.

You know.

I'm feeling the strain. (Anyone paying attention and not blinded by greed could see the peasants were really struggling).

If you'd really watched me.

You'd have known.

I was gonna blow.

Indigo. (Had they been paying attention to the peasants, they should have known a revolt was coming and it did)

The chorus is about not feeling valued and ignored. First half stating that the people that did care about them knew what was happening. Those that didn't care about them were blind to the inevitable. Had the Indigo Planters really cared about the Peasants and took interest in their plight, they would have known a revolt was coming or been able to keep it from happening. But they didn't and the revolt came.