

# Israelites (1 st lower than original)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxtfdH3-TQ4>

Intro Single rolled or slow strum on each chord

I **<[A]>** get up in the morning slaving for bread sir /  
so that every mouth can be // fe-e-ed

**<[D]>** Po-// -or-or-or **<[E7]>** or / -or-or / me **<[A]>** Israelites /  
**[D]** // // // **[E7]** // // //

Reggae strum

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**[D]** Po-// -or-or-or **[E7]** or / -or-or / me **[A]** Israelites / **[D]** // x **[E7]** // x

Mi **[A]** wife an' / ma kids / they pack up an'a leave me /  
"Darling" she said "I was yours to re- / cei-ei-ei-ve"

**[D]** Po-// -or-or-or **[E7]** or / -or-or / me **[A]** Israelites / **[D]** // x **[E7]** // x

Cho! **[A]** shirt dem / a tear up / trousers a - go  
I don' want's / end up like Bonny and Cly-y-yde

**[D]** Po-// -or-or-or **[E7]** or / -or-or / me **[A]** Israelites / **[D]** // x **[E7]** // x

**[A]** After a storm there mus' be a calming /  
You catch me in your palm / you sound you're a- / -lar-ar-arm

**[D]** Po-// -or-or-or **[E7]** or / -or-or / me **[A]** Israelites / **[D]** // x **[E7]** // x

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**[D]** **[E7]** **[A]** **[D]** // x **[E7]** // x

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Outro - Single rolled or slow strum on each chord

**<[D]>** Po-// -or-or-or **<[E7]>** or / -or-or me **<[A]>** Israelites

Start Note A  
Strum x / x /

