

Imagine!

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Imagine
If we had a government
That pursues economic development
If we had an entity
For political stability
If we had lovers of peace
For democracy and justice
If we had a parliament
For consensus for agreement
If we had a police
To protect public peace
If we had an army
That does not foster tyranny
If we had courts
Bona fide and independents
If we had a media
For the voiceless in Ethiopia
If we had a nation
Whose natives are free from oppression
Whose leaders are free from corruption
A state free from fear and intimidation

Imagine
If we had an atmosphere
Conducive and fair
If we had no political prisoners
In Kaliti and other jails
If we had a leader
A real patriot, not a traitor
One with Charisma, one with honor
One with passion, one with character
One with wisdom, one with humor
One who despises horror
One who condemns terror

Imagine
Starving in the land of abundance
In the land of lakes and rivers
In the land of the jungle and the valleys
In the plains, plateaus and mountains

Imagine
The disease imagine the illness
In the land of natural water
In the land of fresh air
In the tropics
Above the Equator
Below from Cancer
With 13 months of sunshine
In the land of honey in the land of wine

So you imagine . . .
The Ethiopian fertile soil and
Search for your soul
Imagine the Ethiopian blue sky and
Rise up for your right firm and high
Imagine your wonderful people and
Empathize a little
Imagine your sheer identity and
Stand up for unity
Imagine your rich culture and
Take pride in your nature
Imagine your history
That you were here early
And . . .

Imagine
All the good stuff
That you desire
That you aspire
It is right there
You just have to gather
From here from there
For a voyage to get there
Together, together ♦