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Band  
45  
of  
Slaves

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This recording should have been out a long time ago. At that time, friends, fans (just two) and our enthusiasm encouraged us to compile our songs but we never got down to it. We kept lying to ourselves, ignoring deadlines and breaking promises. Well, .... we've finally done it!! Its been six years since Band of Slaves was formed. And although the members, line-up and music have changed, the essence of the band has always remained - our songs are focussed on issues which affect our lives, be it directly or indirectly. Lastly, it is without doubt that the parting of our singer, Ian, has pushed us in fulfilling this ambition.

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## blue gates

**blue gates** where are those **blue gates** open the **blue gates** and let me out i forgive you for the crimes you've done though i won't forget the times you know i wish that i was free it's been a long time since i'm counting the days it's been so long for as long as i can remember you took the time you left the tears and the pain now i'm hoping for the time when forever i'll fly free can't you hear me crying i am crying out to be free if you have any love for me brother you will set all free and now my friends my friends are free again free as a bird but not as free as they should be it's now in the past but the scars remain it ain't always easy living as you can see

lyrics by ian xavier

music by band of slaves

## redemption song

old pirates yes they rob us sold thy to the merchant ships minutes after  
they are to die from the bottomless pit but my hand was made strong by  
the hand of the almighty we forward in this generation triumphantly won't  
you help me to sing these songs of freedom cause all i ever have  
**redemption songs redemption songs** emancipate yourself from men-  
tal slavery none but ourselves can free our mind have no fear for atomic  
energy as none of them can stop the time how long shall they kill our  
prophets while we stand aside and look some say its just a part of it we've  
got to fulfil the book these songs of freedom songs of freedom

music and lyrics by b. marley  
performed by kitsch n' sync

## and justice for some

don't they do what they oughtta say you never miss the water till the well  
rums dry and who do you miss the most ain't it almost always those you  
cant pacify (though you try) i don't see it matters once the calm is  
shattered the magnitude surely not the weight of the crime but the  
attitude that's the law my son it'll see you come to no harm so put your  
warhead to rest there's one law for all one law for the rest **and justice  
for some** maybe its the nature you know it when they hate 'cha and the  
consequence take a vow of silence pay yer dues in checks of violence

music and lyrics by kitsch n' sync  
performed by kitsch n' sync





## another cold war

we have made it through **another cold war** sickens me to  
know that there will be another why do we always have to fight  
over a silly old stone henge border no way they say we're gonna  
mediate others say we'd only agitate i hope someday they'll  
appreciate that the power of love will always conquer hate oh  
brother we are from the same old tribe forefathers ago we're  
born by the **rhine** now generations divided into sides i hope  
someday all things will be fine in **berlin** they built a wall in the  
middle of the city hoping to separate the **reds** from the **whites**  
if you ask me this crusade was such a pity now all they wanna  
do is get over the line it's such a pity it's such a pity it's such a  
pity it's such a pity **cold war** and its riding high

lyrics by ian xavier  
music by band of slaves



## eternity

at the spear of a sheltering sky a military back beat to march a forsaken army  
crackled with enemy fire in a distant mire soon i'll die to lie in a satire of  
**eternity** all is pleasant now wind falls steering clear the darkness the edge  
of the light well the end is coming near flames would burn a tree well my  
heart will never seize well don't you be afraid as the end is coming near take  
my soul if you please blow me to a breeze i wouldn't be afraid there  
wouldn't be days like these o let the heavens follow me from the dark light  
and the sea i want to get there in a breeze o let the heavens rescue me

lyrics by ian xavier  
music by band of slaves  
vocals by ian xavier

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ian jeremy xavier  
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three: and justice for some  
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