

**Title : Lawful Harrassment**

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**Lyricist : X' Ho**

"The human being who is born on this earth really is at  
The mercy of the people who are in the gun-tower" - Ice - T

In this place, they won't leave you alone  
If your head's shaven like mine  
If you don't look like an ordinary  
Goody-two-shoes, you'll be in for a little hassle  
Like I was one night while walking out of some hawker  
centre with some pals of mine from Malaysia  
This qx car stopped right by us and the first thing one of  
those plain-clothes men did was flash a pair of handcuffs  
A tactic to intimidate ?  
Well, my poor Malaysian friends were a little  
worried alright  
Afterall, if you're a labourer and this ain't your hometown,  
you too would feel like you're left at the mercy of  
the authority  
But I ain't no foreigner  
This is homeground and I expect regular patrolmen to  
show some respect or at least, some courtesy  
If they wanna know if I'm a criminal or offender of the  
law, just ask for my I.D. to call up classified information

But no, those guys believe in calling my bluff  
Or maybe they were just tryin' to pull off one of their  
rehearsal stunts for the benefit of their  
accompanying apprentices at my expense  
No, I didn't resist being checked  
I'm not stupid enough to obstruct the law  
They, of course, assumed that I'd just been released from  
detention since my shaven head and tattooed arms  
indicated that I was no regular dork on the street  
I was no timid creature to be sure  
Though consequences could be dire  
Cos I have heard friends say they can get real nasty  
And those plain-clothes men confirmed it that night saying:  
" O ,we can do a lot of things to you "  
Of course, if you're clean, there's no reason to fear  
That's why I wasn't afraid nor was I willing to be

intimidated - much to those QX-men 's dismay  
Their tact certainly left a lot to be desired  
When they asked a question,  
they weren't waiting for a reply  
An answer from you is generally ignored  
Cos they're ready to snap at you some more with some  
quick, sharp order to make you cower in fear  
that works fine if they're dealing with criminals  
But when they're not, they either look or sound like  
uncivilised hooligans or lawless crooks  
Or worse, big bullies with shining badges  
I told them there was no need to get  
insolent if they're just routine-checking  
To which the 'graggo' chief replied, " I don't need you  
to tell me how to do my job "  
I guess he didn't, even tho' he's stupid enough not to  
realise that all he generated was some defensive  
indignation from me -  
An ill-will welling so bad, I could scarce  
contain myself from hurling some verbal  
hassle at him in return  
But of course, I was mindful not to get abusive  
Sarcasm does it better  
It may not maim the uncouth law-enforcer  
But just as the Buddhists believe that  
bad karma begets bad karma  
I'd say that unnecessary hassling only begets  
unnecessary hassling  
And I'm one tough son-of-a-bitch  
who refuses to swallow a bitter pill

In memory of 16/2/93  
The handcuffs & threats