

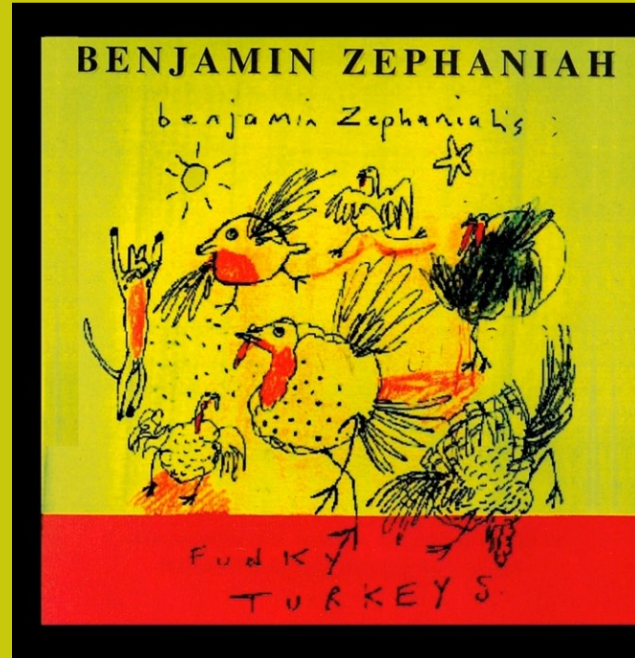
CHRISTMAS WISE

All I **want** for christmas is world peace
I don't **want** loads of food dat I really can't eat
All I **want** fe christmas is a long holiday
An a house in Jamaica where I can stay.
I **don't want** kisses under the mistletoe from
Sloppy people I don't know,
I **won't** be putting out no stocking cos
I **don't** wear de tings,
I **won't** be cutting down no christmas trees,
I like dem living.

All I **want** for christmas is this planet forever
Fully complete with its ozone layer
All I **want** for christmas is friends
And no more records from Status Quo
I **don't want** a white christmas an I bet
We'll get no more of dem cos of de Greenhouse effect,
An I **reckon** at christmas we create too much waste -
Maybe a green christmas is more to my taste.

All I **want** for christmas is some honesty
About the wisdom of christmas
And how it should be
All I **want** for Christmas is clean air
But I **reckon** I won't get none
And I don't think that's fair.

Benjamin Zephaniah



The British poet, novelist and playwright Benjamin Zephaniah grew up in Jamaica and Handsworth, Birmingham. He left school at 14, but holds an Honorary Doctorate in Arts and Humanities from the University of North London, was made a Doctor of Letters by the University of Central England, and a Doctor of the University by the University of Staffordshire. In 1998, he was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Creative and Cultural Education to advise on the place of music and art in the National Curriculum and in 1988 Ealing Hospital in London named a ward after him.

He was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Exeter.

