

I AM THAT CHILD

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In memory of children who lost their lives from malnutrition

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malnourished children in Jirapa District, Upper West of Ghana

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Verse 1

- I am that child
- Delivered in no hurry and into the volcanic ash of a mother's life
- Born hungry and marooned but given all the life like yours
- Admitted to a hospital for food when I was close to heaven
- Never an opportunity to see a flower
- Saw very little on the way to a final resting place
- Was hoping to be seen at the dawn of my life
- Saw only angels all the time even when I closed my eyes for good
- I am that child you never saw.

Verse 2

- I am that child
- That was sidelined in your economic policy
- That cried for help during times of plenty
- Who crawled in the crevices of the sun baked forest of sleeping children
- Who couldn't even stretch out a hand for a bowl of porridge
- I was simply a package of bones wrapped in the foil of a century old paper thin burnt skin
- Swollen from head to toe with the precious life fluid that lacked protein that you call *kwashiorkor*
- Wearing the effigy of deprivation that the world should not be seeing this century
- I am that child you never wished to see

Verse 3

- I am that child
- Who knocked on your door in your heavenly made dream
- Soaking your kindness that has been so special
- Saved by the touch of your charm
- Supported throughout by your generosity
- Treasuring the opportunities you create for mankind
- Committed to the progress of my poor community that is still in darkness
- I am that child you always wished to see

Verse 4

- I am that child
- You saved from certain death
- Serving the community who appealed to the world for my life
- Asking for your help for others now in difficulty as you make merry
- Proudly wrapped up safely by the goodness of your heart
- Given the new lease of life
- Thanking you for all you do for humanity
- I am that child you are seeing today