

Remembering Peter Tosh

Winston “Peter Tosh” McIntosh, a.k.a. reggae’s Stepping Razor, came the hardest and, less fortunately, proved to be the most didactic. Once the world heard “The Tosh,” Jamaica transformed from a vacation paradise for the wealthy into a mecca for the disenfranchised. His urgent baritone bore a threat of danger, sharpening Bunny’s and Bob’s sufferahs’ dreams and Rastafarian complaints into lessons for heathens and militant demands aimed at “downpressors.” – Rolling Stone

On September 11, 1987, after returning from the United States where he won a Grammy for Best Reggae Performance for No Nuclear War, Tosh was in his house waiting for friends to come celebrate his arrival. That party never happened though, as the 42-year-old Tosh was murdered during a botched home invasion robbery.

Peter Tosh was one of the true icons of reggae music.