

Things That Make You Go Hmm...

Jamaica is an intriguing place. For the philosophically inclined there are many profound existential and metaphysical questions upon which to ponder. For example:

Why do bulla and pear taste so good together? Hmm…

How comes taxi drivers never seem to crash and die violently when they do all kinda madness on the road? Hmm… In the age of Facebook, Twitter and videoconferencing why do people still love to send Greetings from Farin on tv at Christmas time? Hmm… How comes the mentally ill men seen wandering naked on the streets of Kingston always seem to have extremely long____? Hmmm… Were “Shower” and “Power” intentionally designed to rhyme? Hmm… How comes Jamaican food tastes better when it comes out of a box sold from a shack on the side of the road as opposed to when its sold in a nice restaurant? Hmm… Is anyone is surprised that the JDIP was a big ol’ pork barrell? Hmm… How do you explain the popularity of Shebada in a country like Jamaica? Hmm… Have you noticed that Portia Simpson-Miller never seems to age? Hmm… In any given year Jamaica is bound to have a hurricane, flood or a drought. So how comes we never seem to be fully prepared for any of them? Hmm… Why is it that roads that are “repaired” today are in a state of disrepair 6 months later? Hmm… How is it that inner-city kids can swim in the dangerously polluted Kingston Harbour and never get sick and if I stand in a crowded room for too long I get a new strain of the H1N1 virus? Hmm… Have you ever actually heard a song by L.A. Lewis? Hmm… If Vybz Kartel is deprived of his bleaching cream in prison, will he eventually revert to his original colour? Hmm… Why does the Beenie, D’angel, Bounti Killa love-triangle never seem to end? Hmm… How comes people who don’t have a drivers licence and have never driven a car insist on trying to give you expert guidance when reversing into a parking space? (“No man, just lock to di left. Now lock to di right. Left again. Full lock now.”) Hmm…