

## The Bolt Effect - By Rodney Brown

call it the Bolt initiative or the Bolt Effect  
but as Jamaicans it is in our destiny to be the best  
so why wi nuh get a clue and put all this violence to rest  
show wi true colors and put our real abilities to the test

our athletes did their thing, with all the medals they won  
now wha the rest a wi a do, what's our contribution  
what positive effect do we have on our nation  
yow mi serious, no joke  
no more sugarcoat,

i mean nobody naw ask wi fi run go tek up a sport  
we don't all have to be athletes to prove our worth  
all it tek is a little motivation a likkle change of heart  
and when it come to inspiration we couldn't ask for a betta start

you did hear wi national anthem? sound sweet nuh true?  
well it stir something inside a mi, mi nuh know bout you  
it mek mi ask miself, what more can i really do  
am i really doing enough or mi just a scrape through

it go tek baby steps mi know  
but a the only way wi ago grow  
wi so rich wid talent it just a buss and overflow  
so why we deh hide wi roses and put our thorns pon show

mi nuh know  
but dem say wha wi reap wi sow  
so the question beg fi ask ... a wonder wha wi deh grow  
mek the only thing wi deh harvest is violence and bloodflow

with all wha deh gwaan right now i man want fi be positive  
but it seems everybody want fi tek and nobody nuh want give  
nobody nuh want do the wuk but everybody want fi live  
i mean unnu see wha deh tek place  
wi want fi claim the medals but wi nuh want fi run the race

so while wi deh jump and cheer and wi own horn wi deh blow  
only some a wi realise say wi dirty underwear deh show  
and while the whole world see it and some wi keep dem mouth  
the more jealous ones among them will mek sure dem point it out

what the whole world realize but the knowledge wi seem fi lack  
is that when it come to talent and potential, wi have a bumper crop  
and when dem a scrape the barrel bottom, we skimming off the top  
this is how we get by, and trust mi it need fi stop  
wi nuh seek wi full potential until we flat pon wi back

so call it the Bolt Effect  
or anything you want fi inject  
fi jumpstart wi society and clean up this rotten mess  
mi know mi go do my part my conscience demands no less

so until we talk again, walk good, jah bless

Chat-bout note : Rodney Brown is a young soon-to-be published Jamaican poet based in Florida