

Asylum Seeker

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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Asylum Seeker'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'They travelled from their home-lands, flee-ing death and ty-ran-ny Ab-and-oned homes and jobs, they're forced to leave their fa-mi-ly. They're vic-tims of opp-re-ssion and of fear and po-ver-ty They've come to seek a-sy-lum in this land of li-ber-ty. Will cruel Bri-tan-nia wel-come them with hos-pi-tal-i-ty?' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

2. Traders take advantage of their plight and make them pay
For an airless space on board a truck, packed tight like bales of hay.
Some trust their luck with Eurostar, but not the usual way
Clinging under chassis, many risk their lives each day.
Oh cruel Britannia welcomes you but only if you pay.
3. (They're all just frauds and parasites, the tabloid headlines claim)
(They barbeque our donkeys, ...it's them we have to blame.)
(They pin on them domestic crime, it serves to fan the flame)
(Of racism and hatred, it's become an ugly game.)
(Oh cruel Britannia knows no pity and it knows no shame.)
4. Solo: The government's considering yet more draconian laws
Many they incarcerate behind their steel doors.
But that will not deter the many, desperate and poor
For hardship's an improvement on the lives they led before.
all: Oh cruel Britannia picks their bodies off the ocean floor.
5. Years ago this country was a haven of renown
For people seeking freedom, place of safety could be found.
They made their contribution, evidence is all around
Their talent and diversity has made this country sound.
Now cruel Britannia persecutes and runs them to the ground.
6. Now this song is at an end so let's get one thing straight
Take a stand against the voices screaming lies and hate.
Let's not condemn all refugees to face a dreadful fate
We must oppose these racist laws before it is too late.
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