

## Money an Island

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The Apocalyptic take on tax-dodging multi-national corporations

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You can keep your money on an island,  
You can keep your money safe from drying eyes  
You can keep your money out of sight  
Bet your money on it!

Tax havens, let me name some:  
Jersey and the Caymans,  
And on Europe's main islands,  
Luxembourg and some Swiss cantons,  
Crooks just love the City of London,  
Hush hush in the world  
Like it were full of masons or

Delaware in the USA, man  
Running money from Venezuela  
Some of these places paid more,  
Than their working men hours  
They use their populations  
As their labour  
And their education

But services? Nah, they don't pay for them,  
So you can see the state they're in  
An honest boss pays a heavy burden but  
Not for these corporations  
Whose float from place to place men,  
With their government mates, then  
Can join them in tax havens!

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Tax avoiders, let me blame some  
New, trendy net search engines,  
News moduls, big bank icon men  
Phone providers swap them  
Tax write-off for boys club or trap dumb  
Chinaps who can dance and some  
So-called politicians

Big pop stars (while artists starve)  
Show cash to no pays in locations,  
Hollywood's hair-gym pay them  
Compensation  
Drug dealers sent to heaven

Some people take cash just to survive  
To just keep a small business alive or  
To get gifts for other loved ones  
We're not talking about fiddling a form nor  
Taking sixty billion benefits that no  
one's talking about stealing six billion  
from sick children!

And let's not mention  
Large countries, tax exemptions,  
Banks who ask no questions,  
Dictators come to them from  
Crass corruption to them from  
No great investment  
They live but they don't pay rent  
And it ain't sent back home

When business fails, who pays for it?  
What's right, the taxpayers?  
When business booms, who benefits?  
What's right, they just take it!  
What without even paying,  
A small percentage, a small donation?  
For all the help we gave them?  
Nope, that's tax havens!

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