

SORRY

(from a white fella to a black fella)

For years I read & watched & saw
For years it made me sick
For years I felt so helpless
Their story so tragic

How could we let it go so long?
Pretend it never happened?
Us white fellas, we're in the wrong
Deaf ears, we never listened

A stolen generation
The owners of this land
And what did we do?
We bound them by their hands

We killed & broke
We stole & hated
These beautiful people
Their history's faded

We held them down
We took their children
And if we couldn't
We simply killed them

Now it's time
We must repent
Our sincerest apologies
Should now be sent

A simple word
To say we're sorry
It's not that hard
Come say it with me

Sorry our dear friends
Sorry for your pain
Sorry that we hurt you
Sorry that we came
Sorry we never listened
Sorry we never tried
Sorry for a lifetime
A lifetime of your cries
Sorry we didn't acknowledge
Sorry we didn't try
Sorry we wanted to change you
Sorry that we lied

I want to say I'm sorry
On behalf of us white fellas
I hope that you'll forgive us
I hope that you will tell us

So c'mon let's get started
And won't it be sublime!
It's time to say I'm sorry
Today.....one step at a time

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