

The West Indian

I too sailed
Ships sahibs' friggings
Masts and riggings
Fooled perhaps not forced

I too came
To conquer
The area mistook
Time corrected mine

Three ships of John
The Baptist executed
My name before
I came

Like Christ brought unborn
Jerusalem named

I came, I came
Now I claim
I am
The
West
Indian

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