

PARTNERSHIP

Mr. H. C. Holderness stated recently in the Southern Rhodesian Parliament that in Southern Rhodesia corporal punishment is administered far more frequently, and for a much greater range of offences, than in most countries.

Land of Livingstone and Rhodes,
Land of joyous Federation,
Which no doctrinaire corrodes
With the curse of segregation,
Let us celebrate in odes
How a gentler Domination

Teaches Africans to skip
By a form of free tuition,
Using an enlightened whip
In its civilizing mission—
Flogging into partnership
Is its glorious ambition!

Let us now deplore the Nats,
For we Britishers can't stand a
Creed so crude and stupid. That's
Not the way to do it. And a
Nation of imperiocrats
Scorns all racial propaganda.

Nats will never comprehend,
For what puzzles and amazes
Is the ruthlessness we blend
With such reasonable phrases—
Why does Britain, in the end,
Stifle everything she praises?

By a verbal alchemy
Degradation turns to glory:
We prefer that we should be
Told a pretty bed-time story—
In the Country of the Free,
In the Land of Dope and Tory.

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