

## Talking Turkeys!! by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas  
Cos turkeys jus wanna hav fun  
Turkeys are cool, an turkeys are wicked  
An every turkey has a Mum.  
Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas,  
Don't eat it, keep it alive,  
It could be yu mate an not on yu plate  
Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.

I got lots of friends who are turkeys  
An all of dem fear christmas time,  
Dey say 'Benj man, eh, I wanna enjoy it,  
But dose humans destroyed it  
An humans are out of dere mind,  
Yeah, I got lots of friends who are turkeys  
Dey all hav a right to a life,  
Not to be caged up an genetically made up  
By any farmer an his wife.

Turkeys jus wanna play reggae  
Turkeys jus wanna hip-hop  
Havey you ever seen a nice young turkey saying,  
'I cannot wait for de chop'?  
Turkeys like getting presents, dey wanna watch christmas TV,  
Turkeys hav brains an turkeys feel pain  
In many ways like yu an me.

I once knew a turkey His name was Turkey  
He said 'Benji explain to me please,  
Who put de turkey in christmas  
An what happens to christmas trees?'  
I said, 'I am not too sure Turkey  
But it's nothing to do wid Christ Mass  
Humans get greedy and waste more dan need be  
An business men mek loadsa cash.'

So, be nice to yu turkey dis christmas  
Invite dem indoors fe sum greens  
Let dem eat cake an let dem partake  
In a plate of organic grown beans,  
Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas  
An spare dem de cut of de knife,  
Join Turkeys United an dey'll be delighted  
An yu will mek new friends 'FOR LIFE'.

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