

Young Gifted & Black

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To be young, gifted and black and own it
It's more than a moment
It's like the sun rose to condone it
Before we was trapping we was trapped in
Sun and the whips kissing our black skin
Strange fruit hanging, smell the jasmine
Rock to Coltrane, listen to jazz then
Back then
We came with names like James, Fatima
Nina, King, dreamer redeemer of the people
Songs for the heaple
Original, spiritual content
You can smell it when it's God-sent
We keep it moving every day, we the target
The young, gifted and black on the market
Cause of that we pay with our lives
Or either catching charges
But yo, the goddess is in God's ears
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Mississippi goddam, Ferguson goddam
Staten Island goddam, Baltimore goddam
America damn
I tell you who I am, but you don't
understand
Across the waters I swam
Son and daughters of the land
Yeah we the black sheep but
You slaughtering the lamb
You try to silence with your sirens
Sounds of violence do nothing but divide us
Evolution of revolution retribution
It's due us
The old ways of the US, it ain't the new us

Tell em we the stars, they can't shoot us
Through prisons and wars
You could no longer recruit us
Salvation is due us
Even before we came, God knew us god
knew us
Yeah, God know us

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To be young, gifted, and black
Oh, what a lovely precious thing
Oh, when you're, yes, yes, when you're...
When you're young, yeah, thank you, Jesus
Gifted and black
Open your heart is all I need

In this whole world, you know
There are millions of boys and girls
Who are young, gifted and black
With their souls intact, and that's a fact

You are young, gifted and black
We must begin to tell our young
There's a world waiting for you, you
Yours is the quest that's just begun

When you're feeling real low
Here's a great truth you should remember
and know
That you're young, gifted, and black
You got your soul intact, oh and that's a fact

When you're young, gifted, and black
Oh, it's a mighty sweet thing, yes, it is now
Young, gifted, and black
Oh, my sisters

Young, gifted, and black
You're young and you're black
You got your soul intact
You got the future, don't you know it's a
fact?
Young, gifted, and black

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