Songs for African American Poetry

Freedom

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| La la la la la la la la la *[x4]*  *[Verse 1:]*  Hold on to me  Don't let me go  Who cares what they see?  Who cares what they know?  Your first name is Free  Last name is Dom  Cause you still believe in where we're from  Man's red flower  It's in every living thing  Mind use your power  Spirit use your wings  *[Chorus:]*  Freedom! *[x3]*  Freedom *[x3]*  *[Verse 2:]*  Hold on to me  Ooh don't let me go  The cheetahs need to eat  Run antelope  Your first name is King  Last name is Dom  Cause you still believe in everyone  When a baby first breathes  When night sees sunrise  When the whale hops the sea  When man recognizes | *[Chorus:]*  Freedom! *[x3]*  Freedom *[x2]*  Breathe in  *[Verse 3:]*  We are from heat  The Electric one  Does it shock you to see, he left us the sun?  The atoms in the air  Organisms in the sea  The Sun, and yes, man  Are made of the same things  Freedom! *[x3]*  Freedom *[x5]* |

**Say It Loud, I’m Black and I’m Proud**

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| Uh, with your bad self  Say it loud  I'm black and I'm proud (2x)  Look a'here, some people say we got a lot of malice  Some say it's a lotta nerve  I say we won't quit moving  Til we get what we deserve  We've been buked and we've been scourned  We've been treated bad, talked about  As just as sure as you're born  But just as sure as it take  Two eyes to make a pair, huh  Brother, we can't quit until we get our share  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud (3x)  I've worked on jobs with my feet and my hands  But all the work I did was for the other man  And now we demand a chance  To do things for ourselves  we tired of beating our heads against the wall  And working for someone else  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud (4x)  Ooowee, you're killing me  Alright uh, you're out of sight  Alright, so tough, you're tough enough  Ooowee uh, you're killing me, oow  Say it loud, (2x)  I'm black and I'm proud | Ooowee, you're killing me  Alright uh, you're out of sight  Alright, so tough, you're tough enough  Ooowee uh, you're killing me, oow  Say it loud, (2x)  I'm black and I'm proud  Now we demand a chance to do things for ourselves  We tired of beating our heads against the wall  And working for someone else  A look a'here,  One thing more I got to say right here  Now, we're people like the birds and the bees  We rather die on our feet,  Than keep living on our knees  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud, hu  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud, hu  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud, Lord'a Lord'a Lord'a  Say it loud,  I'm black and I'm proud, ooooh  Uh, alright now, good Lord  You know we can do the boog-a-loo |

**Grandma’s Hands**

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| Grandma's hands  Clapped in church on Sunday morning  Grandma's hands  Played a tambourine so well  Grandma's hands  Used to issue out a warning  She'd say, "Billy don't you run so fast  Might fall on a piece of glass  "Might be snakes there in that grass"  Grandma's hands  Grandma's hands  Soothed a local grieving mother  Grandma's hands  Used to ache sometimes and swell  Grandma's hands  Used to lift her face and tell her,  She’d say  "Baby, Grandma understands  That you are doing all you can  Put yourself in Jesus hands"  Grandma's hands | Grandma's hands  Used to hand me piece of candy  Grandma's hands  Picked me up each time I fell  Grandma's hands  Boy, they really came in handy  She'd say, "Matty don't you whip that boy  What you want to spank him for?  He didn't drop no apple core"  But I don't have Grandma anymore  If I get to Heaven, I'll look for  Grandma's hands |

**Lean On Me**

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| **SOLO (Poem ‘L’):**  Sometimes in our lives we all have pain  We all have sorrow  But if we are wise  We know that there's always tomorrow  **GROUP**  Lean on me, when you're not strong  And I'll be your friend  I'll help you carry on  For it won't be long  'Til I'm gonna need  Somebody to lean on  **SOLO (Poem ‘O’)**  Please swallow your pride  If I have faith you need to borrow  For no one can fill those of your needs  That you won't let show  **DUET (Poems ‘V’ & ‘E’)**  You just call on me brother, when you need a hand  We all need somebody to lean on  I just might have a problem that you'll understand  We all need somebody to lean on | **GROUP**  Lean on me, when you're not strong  And I'll be your friend  I'll help you carry on  For it won't be long  'Til I'm gonna need  Somebody to lean on  **ALL**  You just call on me brother, when you need a hand  We all need somebody to lean on  I just might have a problem that you'll understand  We all need somebody to lean on  **SOLO (Anyone)**  If there is a load you have to bear  That you can't carry  I'm right up the road  I'll share your load  **GROUP**  If you just call me (call me)  If you need a friend (call me) call me uh huh(call me)  if you need a friend (call me)  If you ever need a friend (call me)  Call me (call me) call me (call me) call me  (Call me) call me (call me) if you need a friend  [FADE OUT] |