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 meDon't let me goWho cares what they see?Who cares what they know?Your first name is FreeLast name is DomCause you still believe in where we're fromMan's red flowerIt's in every living thingMind use your powerSpirit use your wings*[Chorus:]*Freedom! *[x3]*Freedom *[x3]**[Verse 2:]*Hold on to meOoh don't let me goThe cheetahs need to eatRun antelopeYour first name is KingLast name is DomCause you still believe in everyoneWhen a baby first breathesWhen night sees sunriseWhen the whale hops the seaWhen man recognizes | *[Chorus:]*Freedom! *[x3]*Freedom *[x2]*Breathe in*[Verse 3:]*We are from heatThe Electric oneDoes it shock you to see, he left us the sun?The atoms in the airOrganisms in the seaThe Sun, and yes, manAre made of the same thingsFreedom! *[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 handsClapped in church on Sunday morningGrandma's handsPlayed a tambourine so wellGrandma's handsUsed to issue out a warningShe'd say, "Billy don't you run so fastMight fall on a piece of glass"Might be snakes there in that grass"Grandma's handsGrandma's handsSoothed a local grieving motherGrandma's handsUsed to ache sometimes and swellGrandma's handsUsed to lift her face and tell her,She’d say"Baby, Grandma understandsThat you are doing all you canPut yourself in Jesus hands"Grandma's hands | Grandma's handsUsed to hand me piece of candyGrandma's handsPicked me up each time I fellGrandma's handsBoy, they really came in handyShe'd say, "Matty don't you whip that boyWhat you want to spank him for?He didn't drop no apple core"But I don't have Grandma anymoreIf I get to Heaven, I'll look forGrandma'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] |