

## **Kings and Queens**

We were kings and queens  
Once upon a time in Africa, the motherland  
Black skin was our pride and we had power in our hand  
We walked freely on our native land, breathing pure air into our lungs  
We built kingdoms that were spoken to life with our native tongues  
We had great power over our area and the many beast,  
We were the baddest around to say the least

We were kings and queens  
We remained one but always competitive between our tribes  
This went beyond thought when we took the white man's bribes  
A conquered tribe for ten thousand pieces of gold  
And it was done, the ones with our skin had been sold  
Packed tight onto a boat to go far across the sea,  
The beginning of oppression and slavery, a fate we could not foresee

We were kings and queens  
Our people were enslaved for over 200 years,  
We built life for the whites with our blood, sweat and tears  
From picking cotton, and raising their babies we did it all  
With tortuous beatings and suffering, God was all we could call  
We survived years of following the white man's doctination,  
To finally being freed by the Emancipation Proclamation  
That led to share cropping, separate but equal,  
Jim Crow laws, or should I say "slavery's sequel"

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Things were separate, but not equal, so we opposed with civil rights  
A movement led with words, protesting and spiritual fights  
From pure ignorance the lives of our young they would steal,  
This is shown through the brutal deaths of the four little church girls and Emmit Till  
We fought for education because that was considered a crime,  
Our first chance of that came with the integration of the little rock nine  
Don't forget about Ms. Rosa Parks who fought for the right of her seat,  
It may sound simple, but as blacks these were obstacles that we had to defeat.  
And never forget about our great hero reverend Martin Luther King,  
His words were reminisced as the words that let freedom rings  
We fought and we marched on as far as the rising sun,  
It took time but the civil rights era is a battle that we won

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Now people with different skin may live together as a nation  
We have rights, freedom of speech and education  
Gabby Douglas, Usain Bolt, Serena Williams, all black people that dominated in the Olympics  
We don't only dominate in sports but in education, check the statistics  
We cannot forget about Barack Obama, the beloved President who showed melanin is intelligent,  
He made it evident  
And now we are so much more

We are teachers, leaders, doctors, poets, physicians, CEO's, preachers, writers, actors, lawyers,  
Mechanics, inventionalist,  
We are anything we put our minds to  
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