To Be Young, Gifted and Black

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Young, Gifted and BlackI
To be young, gifted and black
oh what a lovely precious dream.
To be young, gifted and black
open up your heart to what I mean
'Cause you know in this whole wide world
There's a million, A MILLION boys and girls
Who are young, gifted and black
and that's a fact!
II
To be young, gifted and black
We must begin to tell our young
Don't you know there's a whole world waiting for you?
Don't you know the quest has just begun for you?
Haven't you heard that the joy-
-the joy!
-the joy of the day is
that one day that we all be proud to say
That we were young, gifted and black
and it's sho' 'nuff where it's at!
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