

## Arrested Development "Africa's Inside Me"

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Universal as I stroll down the street  
Africa's a boiling over flowing inside of me  
I used to sport a curl made by Jerry  
A Jerry curl  
But as time passed it didn't last  
After my curl I never combed my doo.  
I used to sport a cap but the naps kept shining through.  
Shining!  
My sista got a brand new perm  
My boys says she looks pretty fine body real firm  
Folds at her job loves her new touch up  
I can tell her white boss gets a kick when she's all done  
up.  
My sista loves her blackness  
But the US. says that her perm is her attractiveness.  
But Africa keeps coming stronger-we found out  
It ain't a perm it's a temporary  
Don't have sash to go to the music school  
No money for the guitar or the violin or the tuba  
My moms had a record player and the 45's  
I put the needle on the record and I kicked it crazy live  
Scratching it up catching the breaks  
Spirits within me had me do what it takes  
Grammy's I win & one again like my Egyptian kin  
It's Africa within makin' something outta nothing!

CHORUS: (x2)

Africa's inside me  
Taking back her child  
She's giving me my pride  
And setting me free.

What's that land across those waters?  
What's that spirit makin' love to my daughter  
Telling her not to eat her mama's ham hocks  
Allowing her the choice to twist her hair & make it lock.  
Yo I don't like it, I just don't like it.  
Papa may say buy my soul is a boilin'  
And sooner or later Africa's glory and toil  
Will teach an old dog new tricks  
Why and the world can't everybody  
Recognize that Africa's in everybody?

We all ask why can't we be sista's and brothers  
But first we gotta accept who is our mother  
Rather embracer of the jungle  
Or ghetto melanin dwells but could stop growth  
And developments Arrested for nothing  
Gumbo's within' soulful H2O men be droppin'  
Happenin's like Homosapians Hustlins  
Within' to exist as afro USA...men  
Residing in Fulani was once Christian.  
Start fishin' like FOS and found origin!

CHORUS

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