

## Jimmy Barnes

### "Funeral Dance"

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In Amerigo, Carnival was as hallowed as Christmas  
itself, perhaps slightly more  
so.

There was a meaning to it. See, Islanders did not put  
into words, yet which  
made it the authentic supreme day in the Kinjian  
calendar.

Africa was marching down the main street of this little  
harbor town today.

Africa, in undimmed black vitality, surging up out of  
centuries of island  
displacement, island slavery, island isolation, island  
ignorance.

Africa, unquenchable in its burning love of life.

Carnival was Africa Day in Amerigo.

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