

## **The Mighty Duke "Black Is Beautiful"**

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A many, many, many years it took  
Now we have found the natural look  
A many, many, many years it took  
Us to find this natural look  
Suddenly out of the blue  
This thing has struck like something new  
Everybody young and old  
Going afro telling the world

Chorus

Black is beautiful  
Look at the gloss  
Black is beautiful  
It's the texture of course  
Lift your head like me  
You got to wear the colour with dignity  
How it go now!  
Black is beautiful  
Ah say to sing it aloud  
Black is beautiful  
Say I'm black and proud  
It's high time that we get rid of that old slave mentality.

It's quite important, simple though it seem  
We have achieved what once was thought a dream  
We have been imitating in the past  
Now we have found our very own at last  
No more hot combs to press we hair  
And no more bleach creams to make us clear.  
Proudly I say without pretext  
No more inferiority complex  
Because we know

Chorus

Black is beautiful  
Look at the shine  
Black is beautiful  
It's yours and mine  
When you walk this land  
Believe you are equal to any man  
How it go now!  
Black is beautiful

Ah say to sing it aloud  
Black is beautiful  
Say I'm black and proud  
It's high time that we get rid of that old slave mentality.

My brother why do you deny the fact  
When someone says that you are black  
Your skin is very clear, I do agree  
But don't you know you're coloured just like me  
There is no in between in race  
One has to find his rightful place  
To live a lie it's clear to me  
You are ashamed of your ancestry.

Chorus  
Black is beautiful  
Look at the shine  
Black is beautiful  
It's yours and mine  
Lift your head like me  
You got to wear the colour with dignity  
How it go now!  
Black is beautiful  
Ah say to sing it aloud  
Black is beautiful  
Say I'm black and proud  
It's high time that we get rid of that old slave mentality.

I hope you don't misunderstand me none  
I'm not comparing us with anyone  
Just simply saying coloured though we are  
Should never feel ourselves inferior  
The Lord above who made the night and day  
Has given both their equal parts to play  
So if you are on our side  
Open your mouth and shout it with pride.  
How it go!

Chorus  
Black is beautiful  
Look at the gloss  
Black is beautiful  
It's the texture of course  
Lift your head like me  
Ah say to wear the colour with dignity  
How it go now!  
Black is beautiful  
Ah say to sing it aloud  
Black is beautiful  
Say I'm black and proud  
Erase completely this feeling of inferiority.

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