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"Black Stacey"

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I used to hump my pillow at night.

The type of silent prayer to help myself prepare for the light.

Me and my cousin Duce would rank the girls between one and ten

And the highest number got to be my pillows pretend. Now I apologize to every high ranker.

But you taught me how to dream and so I also thank you.

I never had the courage to approach you at school. We joked around a lot and I know you thought I

dressed cool.

But I was just covering up all the insecurities that came bubbling up.

My complexion had

Me stuck in an emotional rut, 'like the time you Flavor Flaved me and you called me

"Yo Chuck, they say

You're too black, man".

I think I'm too black.

Mom, do you think I'm too black? I think I'm too black. Black Stacey.

They called me Black Stacey.

I never got to be myself 'cause to

myself I always was Black Stacey, in polka dots

and paisley, a double goose

And bally shoes, you thought it wouldn't phase me. I was Black Stacey.

the preachers' son from Haiti

who rhymed a lot and always got the dance steps at the party.

I was Black Stacey.

you thought it wouldn't phase me, but it did 'cause I was just a kid.

I used to use bleaching creme, 'til Madame CJ Walker walked into my dreams.

I dreamt of being white and

complimented by you, but the only shiny black thing that you liked was my shoes.

Now, I apologize for bottling up

all the little things you said that warped my head and

my gut. Even though I always told you not to Brag about the fact that your great grand Mother was raped by her slave master. Yeah, I became Militant too. So it was clear on every level I was blacker than you. I turned you on to Malcolm X and Assata Shakur in my three quarter elephant goose with the fur. I had the high top fade with the steps on the side. I had the two finger ring, rag top on the ride. I had the sheep skin, name Belt, Lee suit, Kangol, acid wash Vasco, chicken and waffle. Black Stacey. They called me Black Stacey. I never got to be myself 'cause to myself I always was Black Stacey, in polka dots and paisley, a double goose and bally shoes, you thought it wouldn't phase me. I was Black Stacey. the preachers' son from Haiti who Rhymed a lot and always got the dance steps at the party. I was Black Stacey. Youthought it wouldn't phase me, but it did 'cause I was just a kid. Now here's a little message for you. All you baller playa's got Some insecurities too, that you could cover up, bling it up, cash in and ching ching it up, hope no one will bring it up, lock it down and string it up. Or you can share your essence with us, 'cause everything about you couldn't be rugged and ruff. And even though you tote a Glock and you're hot on the streets, if you dare to share your heart, we'll nod our heart to it's beat. And you should do that, if nothing else, to prove that a player like you could keep it honest and true. Don't mean to call your bluff but Mothafucka that's what I do. You got platinum chain Then, son, I'm probably talking to you. And you can call your gang, your posse and the rest of your crew.

And while you're at it get them addicts and the indigent too. I plan to have a whole army By the time that I'm through to load their guns with songs they haven't sung.

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