

Young, Gifted and Black

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To be young, gifted, and black;
Oh, what a lovely precious thing...
Oh, when you're... yes, yes, when you're...
When you're young - yeah, thank you, Jesus! - gifted and black!
Open your heart, is all I need...

In this whole world, you know,
There's a millions of boys and girls
Who are young, gifted and black,
With their souls intact - and that's a fact!

"You are young, gifted and black," we must begin to tell our young,
"There's a world waiting for you - Yours is the quest that's just begun..."

When you feelin' real low,
Here's a great truth that you should remember and know:
That you're young, gifted, and black!
You got your soul intact - oh, and that's a fact!

(You're young, gifted, and black...)
Oh, it's a mighty sweet thing, yes, it is now...
(Young, gifted, and black...)
Oh, my sisters!
(Young, gifted, and black...)
You're young and you're black, you got your soul intact,
You got the future, don't you know it's a fact?
(Young, gifted, and black...)