

We People Who Are Darker Than Blue

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Are we gonna stand around this town and let what others say come true
We're just good for nothing they all figure
A boyish grown up shiftless jigger
Now we can't hardly stand for that
Or is that really where it's at
We people who are darker than blue
This ain't no time for segregating
I'm talking 'Bout brown and yellow too
high yellow gal can't you tell
You're just the surface of our dark deep well
If your mind could really see
You'd know your color same as me,
Pardon me brother as you stand in your glory
I know you won't mind if I tell the whole story
Get yourself together, learn to know your sign
Shall we commit our genocide before we check out our mind
I know we've all got problems that's why I'm here to say
Keep peace with me and I with you
Let me love in my own way
Now I know we have great respect for the sister, and mother
It's even better yet
But there's the joker in the street loving one brother and killing the other
When the time comes and we are really free
There'll be no brothers left you see
We people who are darker than blue
Don't let us hang around this town
And let what others say come true
We're just good for nothing they all figure
A boyish grown up shiftless jigger
Now we can't hardly stand for that
Or is that really where it's at
Pardon me brother, I know we've come a long long way
Let us stop being so satisfied
For tomorrow can be an even brighter day