## **Black Rose**

In my garden in my garden To keep and care it you've got to water it To keep and care it you've got to water it

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Their roots dirty but their petal stay pretty Somebody tried to take the purity say they aren't worthy The black rose rose deep in the city streets But them stems still peak up under the concrete yeah Bleak is a rowd looking life but them never seen a flower Grow under the moonlight Mama had me readin solo nights I was looking for identity they have stole mine twice

So I turn to the rude boy gangsters first but the bad man withers and return s to the earth Now it's ashes to ashes dirt to dirt a black rose without a chance to grasp her worth She ain't never seen garden of Eden Only seen garden of bleeding And some are gonna lie and hate her and make her feel like she's a heathen No Cry for me cry for me this is how it goes but Jah knows all though yuh wa s my black rose Been to school since I was and the government won't tell us medicine they wa nna kill us There's blood pan di side walk blood pan di doors There's blood up on them ceilings why there's pan di floor No one to keep and care us our fathers too embarrassed to show us he's a pla yer so mama's a single parent Them children grow without the fertilizer that they needed and the black ros e rose in a garden full of weeds needles and evil But God sent people who reflect the light of the sun they get it done The rose grows cold wind blows through the streets and the ice on the leaves so heavy she gets weak And there's not a helping hand upon the scene to be seen And when all seems lost the gardener in em' G's he handles her with care and he show her she a queen and them thorns are the defense mechanism she'll ne ver need Black rose black rose Black rose black rose

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