

National Brotherhood Week

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One week of every year is designated national brotherhood week.
this is just one of many such weeks honoring various worthy causes.
one of my favorites is national make-fun-of-the-handicapped week

Ich frank fontaine and jerry lewis are in charge of as you know
. during national brotherhood week various special events are arranged
to drive home the message of brotherhood. this year, for example

On the first day of the week malcolm x was killed which gives you
an idea of how effective the whole thing is. I'm sure we all agree
that we ought to love one another and I know there are people

The world that do not love their fellow human beings and I hate
people like that. here's a song about national brotherhood week.

Oh, the white folks hate the black folks,
And the black folks hate the white folks.
To hate all but the right folks
Is an old established rule.

But during national brotherhood week, national brotherhood week
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Lena horne and sheriff clarke are dancing cheek to cheek.
It's fun to eulogize
The people you despise,
As long as you don't let 'em in your school.

Oh, the poor folks hate the rich folks,
And the rich folks hate the poor folks.
All of my folks hate all of your folks,
It's american as applepie.

But during national brotherhood week, national brotherhood week
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New yorkers love the puerto ricans 'cause it's very chic.
Step up and shake the hand
Of someone you can't stand.
You can tolerate him if you try.

Oh, the protestants hate the catholics,
And the catholics hate the protestants,
And the hindus hate the moslems,
And everybody hates the jews.

But during national brotherhood week, national brotherhood week
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It's national everyone-smile-at-one-another-hood week.

Be nice to people who
Are inferior to you.
It's only for a week, so have no fear.
Be grateful that it doesn't last all year!