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I am

I am Black and self-determined
I wonder when my people will be free
I hear my ancestors ringing the freedom bell
I see Afrolantica-- the Black promised land
I am Black and self-determined

I sometimes pretend that we are all free I feel the warmth of the liberated sun I touch the Black soil of the promised land I worry that freedom is just my imagination I cry for my disillusioned brothas' and sistas' I am Black and self-determined

I understand that freedom remains an elusive journey I say we will get there one faithful day I dream that we will arrive on a horse drawn carriage I try to retain my hope I hope I am not too naïve I am Black and self-determined