

# We the People Who Are Darker Than Blue

## Curtis Mayfield

We people who are darker than blue  
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 segregatin'  
I'm talking 'bout brown and yellow two  
High yellow girl, 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 the 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 side  
Shall we commit our own genocide  
Before you check out your 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, while you stand in your glory  
I know you won't mind if I tell the whole story  
Pardon me, brother, I know we've come a long, long way  
But let us not be so satisfied for tomorrow can be an  
An even brighter day

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