

TO BE YOUNG GIFTED, AND BLACK

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Young, gifted, and black
Oh what a lovely precious dream.
To be young, gifted, and black
Open your heart to what I mean.
In the whole world you know
There's a million boys and girls
Who are young, gifted, and black
And that's a fact!

You are young, gifted, and black
We must begin to tell our young,
"There's a world waiting for you.
Yours is the quest that's just begun.
When you're feeling real low
There's a great truth that you should know
When you're young, gifted, and black
Your soul's intact!"

Ah to be young, gifted, and black
Oh how I've longed to know the truth.
There are times when I look back
And I am haunted by my youth.
But my joy of today
Is that we can all be proud to say,
"To be young, gifted, and black
Is where it's at! Is where it's at! Is where it's at!"