

WHERE I AM FROM

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I Am from a place
Where tears are mandatory
I am from a place
Where stories begin but never end
I am from a place
Where being a street n--- is celebrated
Although n--- was given as a slave name
Because of our dark skin
As we were claimed as the white man's property
Beatin as the slaves they claim us to be now
How can I shine when I am not acknowledged
For all the work I put in
It's ok
Because I am from a place
Where my dark skin shines
Brighter than the sun
Where I Will Be Great