

Poet's Corner

"Color,em Black"

Color 'em Black
I've got my own coloring book and
I'm going to do my own thing real fast
No longer shall this deception last

Did you see the movie Cleopatra?
I checked my history books from courses I took
That popular couple in the lead was alright
But I mighty afraid that Cleo wasn't white
Cleopatra is a nigger in my book. . .

You heard about the great man who
Lead elephants and army over the Alps?
To get the full story, turn the pages back
Would you believe that the man was Black?
Hannibal is a nigger in my book. . .

A man died for freedom--the U.S.'s first
Even in this, a Black man gets the worst
You can read that history book until you're blue
Guess what? Ole Crispus was a Black man, too
Crispus Attucks is a nigger in my book. . .

A man died for lack of his own invention
Georgia's hospitals were tops for white intervention
Mention blood plasma and there was much he could do
This was said of a Georgia Black man named Drew
Charles Drew is a nigger in my book. . .

I read the description of Jesus
In my Bible and other white tests at my side
Just who is white trying to take for a ride?
Who is this rosey-cheeked honky imposter-crook
Jesus is a nigger in my book. . .

To mind comes the ultimate question as
My feet pound the cement or the soft brown sod
Have I bowed my black woolly head to a phony God
Some red-necked Caucasian God with straight hair?
By now you know how I colored God in my book!
George Stevens

Yes

Come aboard
Do not be afraid
beautiful Black woman--
and she was, yet not in
a superficial way--
time could change that
But old and wise
with a story in her eyes
She moved slowly
this old Black mother
A painful effort
her steps were
The honky driver cussed her
and laid her soul to rest
moved restlessly and fussed
She but smiled and did her best
Mother walker and though--remembered
raising children with love and zest
Many of them hers and many
other just like him
at whom she clucked
Would the hand of fate
have made him one who sucked
her long-since sapped black breast?
Did his mother having given birth
give him to this black woman
would I have puked upon him
and thrown him cruelly back?
George Stevens

(The Following four poems were written and submitted to the
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Message For Sisters

Diggit:
Let me grab hold to this white lie,
"Blondes have more fun"
You can do all you can do
but you've got to be right dense
if you believe that that applies to you
Ain't you got no sense?
Can you dig it, Sister?
You with your 'fro & your
black & beautiful body au naturel
Can you dig that you don't need no
white-man-manufactured-hair-thing
No need to wear inferiority
on the inside/in your mind
on the outside/on your crowning glory
Black blondes don't make it
with those who really count--
Black-to-the-soul Brothers
Can you dig it, Sister?
Can you dig it, hmmm?
George Stevens

Thinking On A 'Hound

Passed by
Maddox Funeral Home
In LaGrange, Ga. today
While on my way through
Cracker dumb-dumb land
But the Ole Gov. wasn't
A-layin' in the coffin
Sometimes finest wishes
Take time to realize and
Fondest dreams
Take time to materialize
George Stevens

Do You Have A Problem? Tell It To Joy

Getting The Crumbs Of His Attention?

Dear Joy,
There is a fellow that I have
gone with for five years. We
broke up in the fall of 1967 and
I still have a strong feeling
for him. He has found another
girl friend over these two years.
The thing I would like to know
is should I settle my conscience
and try and talk to him again?
Confused.

Dear Confused,
Apparently if the young man
has a girl friend then he is
not interested in you. If this
is the case and you attempt
to patch things up, you will only
get your feelings hurt. Let well
enough alone. Try to settle your
conscience by finding a new in-
terest for yourself.
Joy

Dear Joy,
As usual I'm having man trou-
ble. I'm jealous! Not of another
girlfriend, but of his buddies the
ones that keep taking him away
from me. When I'm at home
we spend an immense amount
of time together. But then he's
supposed to come to Greensboro
to see me, but when he gets
here he doesn't see me - or at
least not much. Instead he drops
by, says hello and proceeds to
spend another night with the boys.

What should I do, find myself
a full time friend or stop being
jealous and proceed to be part-
time.
In Distress.

Dear In Distress,
Maybe you should find out what
your boyfriend's buddies have to
take up his time that you don't
have. Tell your boyfriend that
if he wants to keep you, he will
have to spend more time with
you and less time with his friends
when he is in town. However,
don't make the mistake of telling
him not to associate with his
friends because there are times
when a man likes to have fun
with "the boys" once in a while.
Joy

Dear Joy,
How can six girls cut line with-
out being too obvious about it.
Please let me know so that nothing
will be added to our bill.
Thank you,
Hungry girl

Dear Hungry Girl,
Six girls can not cut line at
one time without it being too
obvious. As far as having any-
thing added to your bill you
will have to consult with the
Student Senate.
Joy

Dear Joy,
Do you think it's possible to
love someone but still want to
go out with others? You see the
one I love is in the service
and I have to have someone to
take my mind off my studies
or else I'll be frustrated.
Looking for a like

Dear Looking for a like,
It is very possible to love
someone and want to go out
with others. Because you are
human you are very much likely
to become lonesome. I'm sure
your boyfriend in the service
is capable of understanding this
and doesn't expect you to spend
all of your time studying in the
dorm or with female friends.
Go out. . .Have fun!!
Joy

Dear Joy,
I have a true boyfriend, but
I find myself wanting to meet
new personalities. Am I trying
to see whether I'm in love or
looking for a love? You see
I'm confused because society
says if you're in love with some-
one you don't look for other
people.
Seeking

Dear Seeking,
There is nothing wrong or
unfaithful about wanting to meet

new personalities. It may be
possible that you are not really
in love with your boyfriend and
is subconsciously seeking a new
love. When you are in love with
someone it is not against the
law to look at someone else.
Looking never hurt anybody.
Joy

Dear Joy,
My boyfriend has to keep a
3.0 average and so he spends
most of his time studying (so
he says). He spends way, way,
way more time with his studies
than he does with me. I receive
the crumbs, of his attention.
What should I do? Find a boy-
friend who has to keep a 1.0
average?
Crumb Catcher

Dear Crumb catcher,
If your boyfriend is actually
studying like he says, then don't
be too hard on him. You both
will appreciate it in the long
run. However, if he really isn't
studying and just using that for
an excuse then face it, something
is wrong. Either he no longer
has an interest in you or he's
found another interest. Check
his average at the next grading
period. You'll find out!!
Joy

Hello Joy,
I hope you can bring some
joy into my life by helping me.
My boyfriend is coming to town
and I have another interest. How
can I stall to see how my other
interest may progress? I don't
want to lose my boyfriend. You
see I've been going with him
for four years and I need a
change of scenery but my mot-
her doesn't think I should date
anyone else. I'm in a jam, what
can I do?
Judy Jam

Dear Judy Jam,
First you should explain to
your mother politely that this
is your life and you are old
enough to choose your own in-
terest. After you do that then
explain the situation to your boy-
friend. Who knows maybe he,
too, may want a change of scen-
ery. Lay it on the line like it
is. Don't beat around the bush.
Joy

The Old Timer



"The moon will affect the
tide--and the untied."