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## Poetry

#### GOD ANSWERED:

Why did I make you Black? Why did I make you Black?

Get off your knees and look around. Tell me what do you see? I didn't make you in the image of darkness, I made you in likeness of ME!

I made you the color of coal from which Beautiful diamonds are formed. I made you the color of oil, the black gold that Keeps people warm.

I made you from the rich, dark earth that can Grow the food you need. Your color's the same as the black stallion, A majestic animal is he. I didn't make you in the image of darkness.

I made you in the likeness of ME!

All the colors of the heavenly rainbow can be Found throughout every nation.

But when all of those colors were blended, You became my greatest creation.

Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool, Such a humble little creature is he. I am the Shepherd who watches

them. I am the One who will watch over thee

You are the color of midnight sky. I put the star's glitter in your eyes. There is a smile hidden behind your pain. That's why your cheeks are so high.

You are the color of dark clouds formed,

When I send my strongest weather. -I made your lips full so when you

kiss the one That you love, they will remember.

Your stature is strong, your bone structure thick To withstand the burdens of time.

The reflection you see in the mirror... That image that looks back is MINE.

RuNell Ni Ebo

#### **BLACK LOVE**

It's time that brings a ton of depression on my shoulders..... Creating faded black tears; tears of lost sisterhood ..... Softly whispering fears of unity upon my 3/4's cypher Time is short forcing animosity through my blood ....

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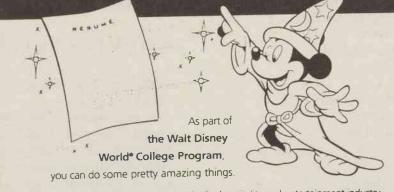
My blood poisoned by the devil's tooth; burning like cotton picked fingers pricked by white thorns

Savagely slaughtered our seeds while our kings suffered a burning death Queen teach not what you have been taught but what you know is correct! Above all the woman is the first teacher of the child

It's time to rebirth my black earth .... Retouch body with African soul Jezebell walking with those loose legs... Shine, become that one nation, foundation, black earth, 3/4's cypher, body and soul, mothernatured, sisterhood Unity like black love .... BLACK LOVE IT'S TIME

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