



AFRO & FRO WEA

AFRO & FRO WEARING BROTHAS & SISTAHS (1970s)

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Calling all
Afro and 'Fro wearing
brothas and sistahs

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Remember how the 1970s made us ride
on a conscious vibe?
Afros were picked way high
like Angela Davis's Black Power fist

Afros were antennas in the sky
connecting history's bloodline
tangled through triangle trade-lines

So old man river don't cry for me
We'll be forever loving Jah

Jah elevated a new NATION
now declaring they're staying in Britain
where Afro and 'Fro wearing people

heard the call and said
Let freedom ring
By any means necessary

Calling all
Afro and 'Fro wearing
brothas and sistahs

Calling all
funkadelic
soul conscious, get down on it people

Calling all righteous
and understanding people...
What!
Hold-on... Wait a minute...
OVERS...
Overstanding,
roots and culture
natty dread-wearing
brothas and sistahs.

Calling all
pimps and pimped out
street hookers,
and mothers and fathers
and mothers whose babies
got no fathers
because of the System,
the pressure the Eurocentric ideals
that's got brothas
crawling between prison walls,
pumped up on being the lesser,
down, down, down in life
asking, dear God

Where is the love?
Where is the love?

Calling all brothas and sistahs
 who stand long
 on Garvey's dream
 sing Robert Nesta Marley

Kinky reggae
 Kinky reggae now

Remember the Man Shaft

Shut yah mouth... you damn right

Wait!
 Remember his smooth
 ebony body,
 his high sheen
 Afro,
 he was groomed
 in all the right places
 He just had some sistahs wanting
 ... just got this sistah thinking...

Calling all brothas and Idrins
 who turned kung fu kicks
 in cobbled back streets
 allegiant to the Panthers
 the Brotherhood, living the struggle

while politicians, held National Front positions,
 teachers taught Columbus
 preached straight hair Jesus
 believing, WE did not know

WE,
 in tune with
 all Afro wearing
 brothas and sistahs
 who fought for our freedom and
 rights

That's why I'm calling
 ... and I'm calling and I'm still calling

and why the hell not?
 Isn't this an
 Afro wearing
 time we live in

or what?