my mother say // you should always wear earrings // how they gonna know you a girl // boy // you black // you so black you blue // you stay out the chlorine in them swimmings pools in that summertime out in that sunshine // cause you gone get blacka // don’t dress too dark // girl // bright colors for a bold bold gal // you blacka than your daddy and he was born in africa // you bigger than your daddy // girl // and he a man // and you a thunder thigh // and i’m a chicken little // you want some chicken // som’ chitterlings // collards // greens // don’t eat too much // girl // shine // but stay out the sun // skin ain’t nobody gonna know how to love // ain’t nobody gonna love you // you don’t know how to pick up a broom // you don’t know how to pick up a spoon and stir // girl // and clean girl // girl // wear a dress // girl // boy // get dressed // girl // for church // wear purple // wear yellow // it bounce off your complexion like a song // like a sweet // sweet // sweet procession // girl // here try these // here put this on // it make you look mausoleum pretty // make you look pretty // how // now // wow // smile and show em your pearlys // now let them see them night gums // i don’t know how you got so mansion build when your mama a shack // i mean // i don’t know how you got so vaseline shiny when girl you this black // here // sat yourself down somewhere // not on your knees for they get spots we can’t wipe out // girl // sit here, between my legs // let me comb your hair black // put some berets in it // make you look real nice