



Poetry Excerpts

Excerpt from *Ka 'Ba* Amiri Baraka (1969)

*Our world is full of sound
Our world is more lovely than anyone's
tho we suffer, and kill each other
and sometimes fail to walk the air*

*We are beautiful people
with african imaginations
full of masks and dances and swelling chants
with african eyes, and noses, and arms,
though we sprawl in grey chains in a place
full of winters, when what we want is sun.*

Excerpt from *Beautiful Black Men* Nikki Giovanni (1968)

*i wanta say just gotta say something
bout those beautiful beautiful beautiful outasight
black men
with they afros
walking down the street...*

*jerry butler, wilson pickett, the impressions
temptations, mighty mighty sly
don't have to do anything but walk
on stage
and i scream and stamp and shout
see new breed men in breed alls
dashiki suits with shirts that match...
and i scream and stamp and shout
for more beautiful beautiful beautiful
black men with outasight afros*