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## WORKS

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### HAPPY KWANZAA, TO YOU!

Happy Kwanzaa, to you!  
Happy Kwanzaa, to you!  
It's another season  
And a good reason  
For us to come together--  
All of my Sisters and Brothers.  
Let's take this time to reflect  
All of our needs to be met.  
We really do need each other  
For the better.

Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima,  
Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba, and Imani.

Let's take the best of these days  
And be about them always.

Let's remember to  
Always love me and you.

Let's make the time  
To produce what's on our minds.

Let's live as proud people.

Let's vow to win this Struggle.

Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima,  
Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba, and Imani.

Happy Kwanzaa, to you!

Happy Kwanzaa, to you!

### WHEN I STEP ONTO AFRIKAN SHORES

When I step onto the shores  
Of Afrikan soil,  
I'll be so happy!  
I'll be bridging a gap  
That's been a void  
For the many generations  
Of Afrikans who  
Were born in America.  
I'll be rejoicing  
About going to my Motherland  
Within my lifetime.  
When I step onto the shores  
Of Afrikan soil,  
A struggle would have  
Been won for my people.

### LIBERATION FOR THE AFRIKAN NATION

Liberation  
Is for the Afrikan Nation  
Because a liberated people  
Can advance as a people.  
I can't stand oppression of any kind.  
The same should be on your mind.  
Every Afrikan has a place  
In the advancement of the Race.

### AFRIKAN BABY

Afrikan Baby, with eyes so bright,  
May you forever use them to see the light.  
And may you never, ever get into  
Things that are not good for you.  
Know your History and be proud.  
Learn our ways and be proud.  
You were born to become  
A productive being under the Sun.

### WHEN YOU REFUSE

You're not the man I've married  
Nor the child I've carried,  
When you refuse to do  
The best that you can do.  
You're not the Family I've lived with  
Nor the friends I've shared with,  
When you refuse to do  
The best that you can do.  
You're not the community I've supported  
Nor the jobs I've supported,  
When you refuse to do  
The best that you can do.  
For, I have always been with you  
Because I have felt that you  
Would always be at your best  
And be about nothing less.

HAPPY KWANZAA 1982!

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