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| **Incarnation**Composition: Tony Bean/Robert BeckfordVocals: Darren Ellison©Bean/Beckford 2015BBC NewsIn 1954 about 10,000 West Indians came to Britain In 1955, it is believed another 15,000 will make the long journeyAlready their coming has caused a national controversyBut one point must always be borne in mind Whatever our feelings, we cannot deny them entry, for all are British citizensAnd as such, are entitled to the identical rights of any member of the empireJan chapter 1Nou, di wan we a di Wod ton man, im kom kom liv mongks wi, liv mongks wi, (x2)Robert: John 1:14 tells the story of Jesus' incarnation That the Word becomes flesh and lives amongst usIt means that God who is fully God and fully man, takes on human formThe incarnation means that unequivocally, all creation is good and that all flesh, no matter what colour, no matter what tone, is goodMy parents believed in this meaning of the incarnation, that their flesh was goodThey were immigrants from Jamaica who came to work in Britain after the Second World War. But they soon came to realise that not everybody thought the sameWhen they went to look for places to live, they were greeted with signs that said, ‘No Blacks, no Irish and no dogs.’DarrenSailed 5000 miles with the sun way off behind me. They said it’s gonna be a while till I feel that warm again.Staring at the grey skies as the cold rain starts to soak me. Faces that I recognize but no one I’d call a friendJust one class above how my fathers sailed before me. Still no wiser ‘bout the days that lay aheadHands and feet are free but shackled by economy. Just a possibility of a better life instead.Maybe if you give me time just to let me tell my story. ‘Bout how I came to be in the land of hope and glory.Moment that I touched the ground all I see is consternation. Never let me explain that I’m here by invitation.ChorusCame expecting arms to open wide. No blacks, no Irish, and no dogs insideThe sign is plain and you don’t try to hide. No blacks, no Irish, and no dogs insideBBC NewsMuch of the outcry against the immigrants arises from the colour-bar, which legally does not exist in Britain, does not exist in Britain im kom kom liv mongks wi, liv mongks wi,**2nd Verse**5 years 3 days to go till I get back to my family. Got to find a place to stay with a people playing games.There’s a lot of empty rooms and I know I’ve got the money. Funny how my currency doesn’t seem to be the same.Working from 5 to 5 and the guys are always on me. Now the fight to stay alive, never figured in my plan.Tried to find the house of God, only made the people angry. Sadly realised that I’m seen as less than just a man.Maybe if you give me time just to let me tell my story. ‘Bout how I came to be in the land of hope and glory.Moment that I touched the ground all I see is consternation. Never let me explain that I’m here by invitation. | In Britain . . . does not exist in Britain, im kom kom liv mongks wi, liv mongks wi,Verse 25 years 3 days to go till I get back to my family. Got to find a place to stay with a people playing games.There’s a lot of empty rooms and I know I’ve got the money. Funny how my currency doesn’t seem to be the same.Working from 5 to 5 and the guys are always on me. Now the fight to stay alive, never figured in my plans.Tried to find the house of God, only made the people angry. Sadly realized that I’m seen as less than just a man.Maybe if you give me time just to let me tell my story. ‘Bout how I came to be in the land of hope and glory.Moment that I touched the ground all I see is consternation. You never let me explain that I’m here by invitation.RobertThe strange thing is that in church history the brilliant minds of the church have spent a great deal of time trying to explain the *doctrine* of the incarnation That Jesus had to be fully God and had to be fully man and use that as a way of countering heresy.But less time has been spent on the *meaning* of the incarnation-- what it means to *practice* the equality of all humanity.If the church had spent more time on the meaning and the practice of the incarnation:we wouldn't have this terrible post-war story. No Blacks, no Irish and no dogsChorus Came expecting arms to open wide. No blacks, no Irish, and no dogs inside.The sign is plain and you don’t try to hide. No blacks, no Irish, and no dogs insideOutroGod is not dead, He is still alive, God is not dead, He is still alive, I can feel him in my hands, I can feel hum in my feet, feel him all over me (x3) |

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| MagnificatComposition: Tony Bean/Robert BeckfordLyrics: Justice Ennis©Bean/Beckford 2015**Rev Rose Hudson Wilkins**I believe we need to hear more women’s voices in public life, in particular for the next generation, If we are going to change the dynamics of what we have today, where it is still sort of a man’s world. Then women today, need to step forward, to enable their children and their grandchildren, in particular girls and actually boys too, boys need to see that their counterparts can be equally respected in terms of the contribution that they bring to the table.Luke 1…. mi a Gad-bles uman,kaaz di muos powaful Gad du da mirikl ya fi mi —im uoli!Gad gud kyaahn donChorusOh hear me ladies, oh hear me girls, ‘cause God has chosen you to save the worldAll black women of the earth, skin like dirt, you need to know your worth.Im tek im an du som powaful sitn;im skyata skyata buosi piipl.Gad aal dong ruula aafa dem ai chuonan lif op piipl we nobadi neva tingk se mata.JusticeI said its time for action; them slavery chains have a chain reaction, oh yes, I am a fighter resister, a daughter, a sister, I am a fraction of progressSome don't lift a finger, but I ride the storm like the queen Masinga Because all through the process, trust me its mommy that knows bestYo, we need justice and equal rights, want to rest in peace when we sleep at night Fight for the children, they use and abuse them, world of confusion enough so we loose them to the streetsAint no one to keep eyes out for them, no one to protect or vouch for them, lets reach out to themMothers of the earth, we do more than give birth, lets show what we worth. | Im gi onggri piipl uol iip a gud sitn,bot rich piipl im sen we wid dem tuu lang an.Gad elp im sorvant dem, Izrel.Im memba fi bi gud an kain tu demChorusOh hear me ladies, oh hear me girls, ‘cause God has chosen you to save the worldAll black women of the earth, skin like dirt, you need to know your worth.JusticeArmed with a pen and a paper and strong mindI read for those who couldn’t, and there was a long lineI’m just too tall, the sky aint the limit, a jungle sometimes, I got a panther spiritWith or without a husband, I am free in mind like Harriet TubmanThe fact is, they deported and killed the activist, but they are a part of us, so we are attached to thisTeacher, go teach the youth Ananci, defend our people like the queens of Ashanti, bridge the gap for future generations, download our history and make our own stations, so many sayings yet to be said, so many books left to be read, we need to make up the mentally dead, we need to lead so we wont be led. Nuff said.Rose Hudson WilkinsFor young women today who say that politics is rather boring and not for them, I would like them to think of politics, as something that is going to impact on their lives, whether they like it or not. So in other words, they will need to ask themselves, “do I want to just sit and have something done to me? Or do I want to be right there, at the cutting edge, making decisions, contributing to the decisions that are going to impact on society of which they are a part?”JusticeI want to shout-out all my womanists, Valentina AlexanderCaroline RedfernDulcie MacKenzieMaxine HowellLynette MullingsLets goLets goLets go…. |