

B l a c k S i s t e r s

What they did to us
telling us black was not so beautiful
we should be slightly lighter
Use He-man, Ambi...
then we will look so beautiful

What they did to us
telling us crizzy coarse hair was not so beautiful
our hair should be slightly straighter
Use skinstraight, soft-a-silky...
then all the men would love us so dearly

What they did to us
telling us roundness was not so beautiful
we should be slightly slender
Use slimline, kilo-shop...
then all the men would like to marry us

To them skin lighteners, my sisters
I say voertsek, voertsek
My skin is my own
I don't want a lighter kind of love

To them hair straighteners, my sisters
I say voertsek, voertsek
My hair is my own
I don't want a straighter kind of love

To the diet poisons, my sisters
I say voertsek, voertsek
I don't want a slender kind of love

-Elizabeth Khaxas

(voertsek (furtsEk): Afrikaans expression
to chase someone away)

