

THE VOICE

All I want
is a voice
Nothing less
I am Black
A woman too
And all I want
is a chance
not to prove
But to show
that I
can contribute
to development
All I ask for
is recognition
not attention

I am Black
A woman too
All my weaknesses
should be corrected
not attributed
to my sex

What am I to you?
A concubine?
An ignorant, fat
child breeding machine?
A labourer?
NO!!
I am worth a lot more
and you know it

Write about me
Sing about me
Discuss me
But...
Don't pity me!

I am Black
A woman too
downtrodden, yes
But I don't want
your place in society
I want mine!
Don't call me 'baby'
Call me partner
because that is what I am
All I ask for
is what I deserve
All I want is..
A VOICE TOO.

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