

“Say It Loud (I'm Black and I'm Proud)”

Performed by James Brown, 1968

Uh! With your bad self!

Say it loud
I'm black and I'm proud!
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Some people say we've got a lot of malice
Some say it's a lot of nerve
But I say we won't quit moving
Til we get what we deserve
We've been buked and we've been scorned
We've been treated bad, talked about
As just as sure as you're born
But just as it takes
Two eyes to make a pair, huh
Brother, we can't quit until we get our share

Say it loud
I'm black and I'm proud!
Say it loud
I'm black and I'm proud!
One more time!
Say it loud
I'm black and I'm proud!

I worked on jobs with my feet and my hands
But all the work I did was for the other man
Now we demand a chance
To do things for ourselves
We're tired of beatin' our head against the wall
And workin' for someone else

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