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| **Incarnation**  Composition: Tony Bean/Robert Beckford  Vocals: Darren Ellison  ©Bean/Beckford 2015  BBC News  In 1954 about 10,000 West Indians came to Britain  In 1955, it is believed another 15,000 will make the long journey  Already their coming has caused a national controversy  But one point must always be borne in mind  Whatever our feelings, we cannot deny them entry, for all are British citizens  And as such, are entitled to the identical rights of any member of the empire  Jan chapter 1  Nou, 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 us  It means that God who is fully God and fully man, takes on human form  The incarnation means that unequivocally, all creation is good and that all flesh, no matter what colour, no matter what tone, is good  My parents believed in this meaning of the incarnation, that their flesh was good  They 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 same  When they went to look for places to live, they were greeted with signs that said, ‘No Blacks, no Irish and no dogs.’  Darren  Sailed 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 friend  Just one class above how my fathers sailed before me. Still no wiser ‘bout the days that lay ahead  Hands 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.  Chorus  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 inside  BBC News  Much 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 2  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 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.  Robert  The 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 dogs  Chorus  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 inside  Outro  God 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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| Magnificat  Composition: Tony Bean/Robert Beckford  Lyrics: 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 don  Chorus  Oh hear me ladies, oh hear me girls, ‘cause God has chosen you to save the world  All 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 chuon  an lif op piipl we nobadi neva tingk se mata.  Justice  I 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 progress  Some 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 best  Yo, 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 streets  Aint no one to keep eyes out for them, no one to protect or vouch for them, lets reach out to them  Mothers 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 dem  Chorus  Oh hear me ladies, oh hear me girls, ‘cause God has chosen you to save the world  All black women of the earth, skin like dirt, you need to know your worth.  Justice  Armed with a pen and a paper and strong mind  I read for those who couldn’t, and there was a long line  I’m just too tall, the sky aint the limit, a jungle sometimes, I got a panther spirit  With or without a husband, I am free in mind like Harriet Tubman  The fact is, they deported and killed the activist, but they are a part of us, so we are attached to this  Teacher, 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 Wilkins  For 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?”  Justice  I want to shout-out all my womanists,  Valentina Alexander  Caroline Redfern  Dulcie MacKenzie  Maxine Howell  Lynette Mullings  Lets go  Lets go  Lets go…. |