

Black to the Future Lyrics

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1. No One Exactly Like You feat. Nnenna Freelon

Justice
Yeah
Come here real quick
Coming
Jus get me the tape
There's a tape in that bag it says 1988
In the green VHS.. right behind you
Behind you
Here
Thank you
What's on it
This is your grandmother
Wow
Check it out

Music
Music is a universal language
Music touches us from the inside out
Each of us is a unique human being
A unique spirit
I wrote this song there's No One Exactly Like You
Because I found that
Each person has a specialness inside
That's different from anyone else

No one exactly like me
No one exactly like you
No one who can do anything exactly like you do
So when you walk down the street
Everybody should tell that
You're an absolutely unique individual
No one exactly like me
No one exactly like you
No one who can do anything exactly like you do you do
Exactly like you do

2. Wonderful Long Braids (Interlude)

I love all of you because you have beautiful hair
I like your hairstyle I used to have locs so.. yeah
I used to have a lots too
I really like bun
I really like.. what is it called
Like I know a blowout is when you straighten your hair
But like when you just air dry your hair it just like makes a big poof bomb
I wanna be like you because have the wonderful long braids

3. Braid My Hair feat. Stella Freelon

Daddy will you braid my hair
Daddy will you braid my hair
Oh Daddy, Daddy, Daddy
Daddy will you braid my hair

Daddy will you braid my hair
I'm tender-headed twist with care
Oh Daddy, Daddy
First you gotta brush my hair
Wash until its clean and clear
Oh Daddy, Daddy
My edges will you lay them down
Then put a bonnet on my crown
Oh Daddy, Daddy
Did you get the oil that I like
You know we need to moisturize
Oh Daddy, Daddy

Daddy will you braid my hair
I don't wanna go out there
Till you put some shea butter on your fist
Put a scrunchy on your wrist
Let me see you do that twist
French braids are cool with me
Bantu knots are cool with me
Cornrows are cool with me
Box braids are cool with me

Daddy will you braid my hair
Daddy will you braid my hair
Oh Daddy, Daddy, Daddy
Daddy will you braid my hair

Let me comb your knots out
Make sure your parts pop
When we rinse I'll make sure the water's hot
Your head is in the sink like the dishes
Gotta get this hair clean before we twist it
You're a queen but you know you gotta listen to me
Massage that scalp good
Where them suds at
I'm cold
Get that towel over here
I'm ready for them braids to appear
Take a piece to the left
Middle then the right
Weave them together and you pull it so tight
That's it

Let me see you do that twist

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4. First Day of School

The only time I've been nervous at school was like maybe
If I was trying something new like a new trend or something whatever
And the way I got over that was just not really caring
Not really looking like spying on.. stalking people (gasp)
What do they think
No

It's the first day of school
Hey
But I don't know what to do
Stepping off the bus
Butterflies in my tum
Hey I got a question
Will you be my best friend
Where'd you get your fit
I know we just met
But I really like your style
Maybe they will stay a while

I'm feeling nervous the first day of school
Are you feeling nervous the first day of school
I'm feeling nervous how you keep it cool
Are you feeling nervous the first day of school

It's the first day of school
But I don't know what to do
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la

Stepping into lunch
Sipping my fruit punch
It's about to go down
He/him is my pronoun
Do you like my fresh tee

It's got Naruto on it
You could be my bestie
Dattebayo we homies

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Are you feeling nervous the first day of school
I'm feeling nervous how you keep it cool
Are you feeling nervous the first day of school

It's the first day of school
But I don't know what to do
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la

5. Cootie Shot feat. Divinity Roxx

I am scared of needles - ouch
But there's one thing that I know - what's that
I don't want a fever
We can't keep it hot
If we catch the cold

Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Now I got my cootie shot

Come on come on baby
Roll up your sleeves
Get this remedy
So we can play beats keep it shaking
Come on, come on baby - you know
Roll up your sleeves - that them cooties contagious
Get this remedy -yes them cooties contagious
So we can play beats keep it shaking

Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot

Now I got my cootie shot
Got my cootie shot
Now I got my cootie shot

Call your parents
Your nibblings
And your next of kin
Call your Grandmama
And your best friend
Ask them
Did you shoot your shot - did you shoot it
Did you roll up your sleeves - shoot your shot
Trying to slow this disease - shoot your shot
Those corona cooties - shoot your shot

Circle circle dot dot
Everybody needs that cootie shot
I am scared of needles
But I'm brave and my body
Can be healthy and strong
So I can get on
I want to play with my friends
So put that shot in my arm
Aye

I am scared of needles
But there's one thing that I know
I don't want a fever
We can't keep it hot
If we catch the cold

Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot
Now I got my cootie shot
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Got my cootie shot
Circle circle dot dot
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Got my cootie shot

Now I got my cootie shot

6. Miss Ella Jenkins (Interlude)

What's your name dear
Stella
Stella
Yeah
I'm Ella and you're Stella
That rhymes doesn't it
Yeah
Stella Stella and I am Ella and he is the brother
I love it
What's one of your songs
One of them is called Zombi
What'd she say
She said Zombi one of them is called Zombi
Can I hear it
Yeah

7. ZOMBI feat. Stella Freelon

When I'm with you
I feel like a Zombi
Can't get to close
You don't want no coughing/coffin
Afraid of my germs
I am not so scary
I can't get close
I'm stuck at home
I feel alone
When I'm with you
I feel like a Zombi
I can't get close

I got a disease
I gotta stay clean
I'm stuck in between
Gotta stay six feet
I gotta rock this beat
You go to say please
If you got to sneeze
I gotta peace
You ain't getting no hugs
If you ain't wearing no scrubs

Every single day I'm just home and bored
Only place I can go is the grocery store
Stuck and I'm locked can't touch no one
All I wanna do is just have some fun

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I feel like a Zombi
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You don't want no coughing/coffin
Afraid of my germs

I am not so scary
I can't get close
I'm stuck at home
I feel alone
When I'm with you
I feel like a Zombi
I can't get close

Stay at home - you betta
Wash your hands - or you'll be
Quarantining in an ambulance - sick
Sickly skin - lurch
Lurching stomp - yuck
If you're not careful than you will get chomped - yep

Every single day I'm just home and bored
Only place I can go is the grocery store
Stuck and I'm locked can't touch no one
All I wanna do is just have some fun

I was so alone
Never left the home
Then I made a friend
We were Zombis together
Now we like to roam
Through the catacomb
And we can be Zombis forever

When I'm with you
I feel like a Zombi
Can't get to close
You don't want no coughing/coffin
Afraid of my germs
I am not so scary
I can't get close
I'm stuck at home
I feel alone
When I'm with you
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8. Attitude of Gratitude feat. Kelly Kale

My Grandmama told me to keep an
Attitude of gratitude
My Grandmama told me
Lift as you climb
Be a catapult
My Grandmama said
No is a love word

Ain't that the truth - no is a love word
So when I say no
I'm not being rude
So what's with your mood
When you speak your truth it makes you powerful
But when you do it some people will think you're radical
I love you like Phineas loves a platypus
Parry/Perry when negativity jabs at you
Be aware that every person is fallible
That means nobody is perfect in this galaxy
We feel pain it's as natural as gravity
But you learn from it like Newtown under the apple tree
Ouch

And for the knots up on my head yes
I am grateful
Today I got up out the bed and
I am grateful
For the places I've been led yes
I am grateful
I am able bodied and blessed
I am grateful
For the oxygen I breathe yes
I am grateful
For the stitches in my sleeve yes
I am grateful
For the music in my head yeah
I am grateful
For my water and my bread yeah
I am grateful

I got so much to be thankful
I am grateful
I just had a warm meal and
I am grateful
And I'm in a warm crib and
I am grateful
I am warm and I'm living
I am grateful
I got a sister and brother and
I am grateful
I got father and a mother and
I am grateful
I got a village and ancestors and
I am grateful
I'm creative and I'm special
I am grateful

Wake up in the mornings feeling oh-so-blessed

Yes my gratitude is on four jets
Higher than it's ever been strong like bowflex
A beautiful day is when I feel no stress
But even when I'm down I'm grateful I suppose
Things could be worse in the rain with no coat
Winter no heat favorite shoes on my feet
So I do everything that's leaving my God pleased
Plus I got my Momma my Daddy and Grannies
Shout out Louise
Shout out Narvelle
Praying on they knees I be giving em I be giving em love
Cause that's what's gon prevail
Grateful for the rhymes
Grateful for the sunshine
And the trying times
I'll grateful all my life
Thankful for your ears tuning in that's beautiful
Grateful for my siblings and peers that's including you

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I got father and a mother and
I am grateful
I got a village and ancestors and
I am grateful
I'm creative and I'm special
I am grateful
For my melanated skin
I am grateful
For my family and my kin
I am grateful
For my imagination yep
I am grateful

Keep a attitude of gratitude
I am grateful
Keep a attitude of gratitude
Keep a attitude of gratitude
I am grateful
Thank you Grandmama for giving me those words

Keep a attitude of gratitude
I am grateful
Keep a attitude of gratitude
Keep a attitude of grati-food
grati-food I like that

We must always honor our elders
And our Ancestors in the Land of Love
Because they paved the way
And they are looking down from above
They taught us to work hard and to strive and to pray
There's no other greater love

9. No Is A Love Word feat. Shana Tucker

It's okay to say no
If someone really wants you to do something
You can say no
Cause it's your body and
You don't have to do anything
That other people say

Nah nah nah nah nah nah
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Nah nah nah nah nah nah nah

Nah I'm good
No
Naw
Uh uh
Nope
Not happening

Nah I'm good
No no no

Naw
Uh uh
No way
No
Umm mmm
Not happening

Nah nah nah nah nah nah
Nah nah nah nah nah nah nah

10. Alpine

Everybody loves
Darling get your gloves
Soon they'll be all right
Sleigh with me tonight
Little buttercup
I need you to know
They and me are happening

We love to see the moon beam
It helps to ease my mind
We've climbed across the alpine
We've gonna leave this world behind
I find icicles in their eyes

Miss them when they're gone
Look up in the stars
Me and them are happening

We love to see the moon beam
It helps to ease my mind
We've climbed across the alpine
We're gonna leave this world behind
I find icicles in their eyes

Miss them when they're gone
Look up in the stars
Me and them are happening

11. LeVar Burton

I can teach you how to fly like an angel
Butterflies in the sky reading rainbow
Close your eyes take flight
Like Levar
Traveling space time
With Levar
Open up a book like flower

Ride it like a boat you can travel
You are your ancestors' wildest dream
Like Levar
Impossible is not a thing
Ask Levar
Did you know your mind is a muscle
Your body is a shrine and a temple
You are super special
You could learn a skill or a hustle
Earn a dollar bill or a fossil
Archeological
Seek knowledge and understanding
Read everything in the canon
Learn to love and to dream
It's important
Sincerely
Your uncle
Levar Burton

You taught us how to read
Hymns homonyms
Taught us how to fight
Slavery Romulans

I can teach you how rise like your ancestors
Sankofa look back to find the answers
You are African inside
Like Levar
Look at how we've thrived
Ask Levar
On a quest(for)Love in a bad spot
Roots kept us grounded in Black Thought
Now Kunta Kinte's free
Like Levar
He was crowned King Kunta
By Kendrick Lamar
He had a descendent named Uhura
Space is the place where she grew up
She could really listen
Her nephew had amazon grace and wisdom
Blind but he could see it's not a prison
Cybernetic vision
And if you look back with precision
You could see the depth from which we've risen
Blackness is resilient
You are your ancestor's wildest dream
Like Levar
Impossible is not a thing
Ask Levar

You taught us how to read
Hymns homonyms
Taught us how to fight
Slavery Romulans

Close your eyes take flight
Like Levar
Traveling space time
With Levar

Well I think um
There might be flying cars
I feel like there will be
no gas stations in the future
I think there should be things that like..
Where you can travel to like the
Deepest depths of the ocean and stuff
There's probably gonna be aliens down there
Something powered by bacteria
And then it turns the bacteria into like
Air or something
Oh that will also help clean the ocean

12. Solar Skate

So what's it gonna be huh
We got the whole galaxy to ourselves
I got an idea

It's Saturday and I know what you want to do
Call up all your friends and tell them meet you at the pool
I don't really want to swim today
How bout the zoo
I'll bring my fanny pack and play the kangaroo - we already did that last week
Maybe we can go and hit the trampolines - no
Hit the aquarium and see a manatee - nah
Go and grab some clothes up off a mannequin - go get your skates
We need an activity girl I'm panicking

Let's roll
Round and round
Until the night time
Round and round
Cause I got real friends
All and round
That hold me down down
Through all the hards times
Round and round
You feel the right vibe
Round and round

Cause I got real friends
All and round
That hold me down down
Get your roll on

Soaring through the sky with you tonight
Let's go
Solar skating
Solar skate
The wheels are spinning fast I'm getting hot
Let's go
Solar skating
Solar skate

Let's go solar skating - solar skating
Let's go solar skating - solar skate
Let's go solar skating - solar skating
Let's go solar skating - solar skate
Let's go solar skating - solar skating
Let's go solar skating - solar skate
Let's go solar skating - let's go solar skating
Let's go solar skating - solar skate

We can skate it really don't matter your age
You can lace up skate up in some roller blades
Take it back
Helmets and knee pads we need Daddy
So fast escape on the streets Daddy
Leaving quarantine is like a fantasy - yes
Me without my skates is a calamity - yeah
This is how I try to keep my sanity - go get your skates
Rolling with the homies and the family

So come and roll with me
Round and round
Until the night time
Round and round
Cause I got real friends
All and round
That hold me down down
Hold me down baby
Through all the hards times
Round and round
You feel the right vibe
Round and round
Cause I got real friends
All and round
That hold me down down

Come on baby let's go

Soaring through the sky with you tonight

Let's go

Solar skating

Solar skate

The wheels are spinning fast I'm getting hot

Let's go

Solar skating

Solar skate

Let's go solar skating - solar skating

Let's go solar skating - solar skate

Let's go solar skating - solar skating

Let's go solar skating - solar skate

Let's go solar skating - solar skating

Let's go solar skating - solar skate

Let's go solar skating - let's go solar skating

Let's go solar skating - solar skate

13. Count Kiswahili

Let's count in Kiswahili

One - moja - moja

Two - mbili - mbili

Three - tatu - tatu

Four - nne - nne

Five - tano - tano

Six - sita - sita

Seven - saba - saba

Eight - nane - nane

Nine - tisa - tisa

Ten - kumi - kumi

Moja mbili tatu nne tano

Sita saba nane tisa kumi

Moja mbili tatu nne tano

Sita saba nane tisa kumi

Moja mbili tatu nne tano

Sita saba nane tisa kumi

14. Who Messed It Up? (Interlude)

Can I have some of your orange juice

What

Don't do that

Don't do that

I messed it up

I mean Deen messed it up

You messed it up

You messed it up

Daddy

Did you messed it up dad

15. Heart

Do you have
Heart heart heart
Listen to the stethoscope close
To my heart
To my heart
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart
Listen to the stethoscope
Heart heart heart
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart

Today started beautifully
I had a good mood before you
Told me something rude and offensive
I felt your toxic energy
Can't let it get into me
I think I need some disinfectant
I think I need a nurse
Cause my heart is thumping
And you know I like to finish
When they starting something
I don't mean to pout
But my heart can't take much more of your mouth
So please treat your words like a sneeze
And keep them to yourself

Listen to the stethoscope close
To my heart
To my heart
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart
Listen to the stethoscope
Heart heart heart
Sticks and stones will break your bones
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart

My heart is like the Incredible Hulk
Stress you can forget it I'm done
Confess I got a temper and if you go test it
Then you will regret it a bunch
Unless I'm meditating and negotiating my feelings
And healing my heart
But let's be honest if I'm feeling petty
Then I'll eat you up like spaghetti at lunch
My heart is too heavy
Your words are as sharp as machete
I feel like my levy will burst
Before I was beaming and then

You projected your demons
And that's how my feelings were hurt
Now it's too late for apologies
Show me the pharmacy - heart
My heart is aching from the dominance - heart
I need to see the cardiologist - heart

Listen to the stethoscope close
To my heart
To my heart
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart
Listen to the stethoscope
Heart heart heart
Sticks and stones will break your bones
I think I need a nurse
To my heart
To my heart

16. Vulnerable

Why is it important to be like open about your feelings
Because people could help you if you're like scared or mad
Yeah and it like beats up your mental health if you keep things in

Black boys it's okay
To be vulnerable vulnerable
It's okay it's okay
To be vulnerable vulnerable

I feel strong when I'm vulnerable
I belong when I'm vulnerable
Yeah
I feel good to be vulnerable
Keep it a hundred with you
Yeah

Yeah
It's okay to feel
It's okay to love - love
It's okay to cry
And to need a hug - yeah
Don't keep it bottled up
I'm a sensitive guy - let's go
And I feel how I feel it's alright

I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings

My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings

Black boys
Black boys it's okay
To be vulnerable vulnerable - black boys
It's okay - black boys
To be vulnerable vulnerable - black boys

Boys are told the lie that
We can't cry
That we need to man up
No fright
It's not right
Our trauma is inherited
Go tell whoever told you that to
See a therapist
I got a therapist and he's all ears
Like a art teacher
He can help me draw my tears
I can cry and tell him all my fears
And it helps me heal
And I feel how I feel it's alright

I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings
My feelings
I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings

Black boys
Black boys it's okay
To be vulnerable vulnerable - black boys
It's okay - black boys
To be vulnerable vulnerable - black boys

I feel strong when I'm vulnerable
I belong when I'm vulnerable
Yeah
I feel good to be vulnerable
Keep it a hundred with you
Yeah

I be in my feelings
I be in my feelings

17. Black To The Future

Stand up Pierce
I want you to sing a song son
K
Ok which one do you.. stand over by the door
Stand in the door
That's it now
Now what do you want to sing

Look at your reflection
Do you feel the flex of your kin
See their smile in your lips
Hear their voice in your chest
You see that light in your skin
Sun-kissed melanin
Do you feel that affection
Do you feel that complexion
Your Excellence
Your light is grand
You're like the wind
Moor like the sand
Pure African
History grand
Victory win
Infinite gem
Some need to tan
Sunburn the skin
Sunbeam demand
Photosynthesis
We're like a plant
Sunlight within
We like Amen-Ra in the flesh

But are you comfortable in your own skin
Comfortable in your own skin
Are you comfortable in your own
Comfortable in your own skin
Are you comfortable in your own skin
You are wonderful and the future is Black
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah

Chemistry came from Kemet
They knew the secrets of the planet
That was in ancient Egypt
Your ancestors were genius
Modern scientists still can't figure out
What they dreamed into being
And you were their wildest dream
Sun-kissed and you're beaming
They look at you and they're squinting

You're brilliance is offending
Their empire is ending
Your ancestors ascending
Cause you got next and we lifted
You young Black and we gifted
The vibration has shifted
We boiled it and they mist it
You're powerful
You're worthy
You're ancient
Otherworldly
Let go of your
Insecurity
You're protected
Eternally
Your legacy
Is awesome
You're gorgeous
You're cosmic
You're everything
I promise you
That anything
Is possible

When you're comfortable in your own skin
Comfortable in your own skin
Are you comfortable in your own
Comfortable in your own
Comfortable in your own skin
Are you comfortable in your own skin
Comfortable
You are wonderful and the future is Black
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah
So Black oh yeah

You are made of star stuff
Light energy
And you are wonderful
You are powerful
You are unique
You're beautiful
And I love you

18. You Are Exactly Like No One

There's no one exactly like me
No one exactly like you
No one who can do anything
Exactly like you do