

colour blind

**white schools and clubs and bars
white rules and streets and white scars
white words, white ideas and thoughts
white power, domination and white courts**

**you may think that white is wonderful
you may think that black is beautiful
you may think that yellow cuts the mustard
or that brown bears a fruit more cultured
but all of this rolls over me
because i would be colour blind
look for colour and you will find
someone limping way behind**

**black rights and slaves and freedom
black blues, poetry and harlem
black power, justice and black brothers
black sisters, black rhythm and black lovers**

**i was born in africa
some say i don't belong there
well how far back do you want to go? a few thousand years or a million or so?
where's your colour that far back in time? what i feel there is just as much mine
but all of this rolls over me
because i would be colour blind
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someone limping way behind**

**yellow money and business and trade
yellow food, yellow face and yellow maid
brown honour, brown marriage and endogamy
brown gods, and brown dance academy**

**i was born in india
and i cut my teeth in china
i loved and lived in golden, breathtaking kashmir
and in my time there was not a single frontier
but all of this rolls over me
because i would be colour blind
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someone limping way behind**