

**We People Who Are Darker Than Blue**  
**Curtis Mayfield**

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[Chords]

	<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>	<b>G#m7</b>	<b>B</b>
e	--4-----	2-----	4-----	2--
B	--5-----	2-----	4-----	4--
G	--4-----	2-----	4-----	4--
D	--6-----	2-----	4-----	4--
A	--4-----	4-----	6-----	2--
E	--x-----	2-----	4-----	x--

[Intro]

**C#m7 F#m7 (x4)**

[Verse 1]

<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>		
We people	who are darker than blue		
<b>C#m7</b>			
Are we gonna stand around this town			
<b>F#m7</b>			
And let what others say come true?			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>G#m7</b>		
We re just good for nothing	they all figure		
<b>F#m7</b>			
A boyish, grown up, shiftless jigger			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>G#m7</b>		
Now we can t hardly stand for that			
<b>F#m7</b>			
Or is that really where it s at?			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>		
We people who are darker than blue			
<b>C#m7</b>			
This ain t no time for segregatin			
<b>F#m7</b>			
I m talkin bout brown and yellow too			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>G#m7</b>		
High yellow girl, can t you tell			
<b>F#m7</b>			
You re just the surface of our dark deep well			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>G#m7</b>		
If your mind could really see			
<b>F#m7</b>			
You d know your color; same as me			
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>	<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>
Pardon me, brother,	as you stand in your glory		
<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>	<b>C#m7</b>	<b>F#m7</b>
I know you won t mind if I tell the whole story			

[Instrumental]

C#m7 F#m7 C#m7 F#m7

C#m7

[Talkbox Solo: Roger Troutman]

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7 (x16)

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Get yourself together

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Learn to know your side

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Shall we commit our own genocide

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Before you check out your mind?

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

I know we ve all got problems

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

That s why I m here to say

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Keep peace with me and I with you

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7

Let me love in my own way

C#m7 F#m7 G#m7 (x10)

C#m7

[Instrumental]

C#m7 B F#m7

[Verse 2]

C#m7 F#m7

Now I know we have great respect

C#m7 F#m7

For the sister and mother, it s even better yet

C#m7 G#m7

But there s the joker in the street

F#m7

Loving one brother and killing the other

C#m7 G#m7

When the time comes and we are really free

F#m7

There ll be no brothers left, you see

C#m7 F#m7

We people who are darker than blue

C#m7

Don t let us hang around this town

F#m7

And let what others say come true

C#m7 G#m7

We re just good for nothing they all figure

F#m7

A boyish, grown up, shiftless juggerr

C#m7 G#m7

Now we can t hardly stand for that

**F#m7**

Or is that really where it s at?

**C#m7**

**F#m7 C#m7**

**F#m7**

Pardon me, brother, while you stand in your glory

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

I know you won t mind if I tell the whole story

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

Pardon me, brother, I know we ve come a long, long way

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

**C#m7**

**F#m7**

But let us not be so satisfied for tomorrow can be an even brighter day