Black Messiah
The Kinks

C# G# B F#
Everybody got the right to speak their mind, so don t shoot me for
saying mine.
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
Everybody talk about racial equality,
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
 Cos everybody s equal in the good Lord s eyes.
F# C# Ebm7
But if I told you that God was black? What would you think of that?
F# C# F#
I bet you wouldn t believe it.

F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
There s a self-made prophet living right next to me,
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
He said the Black Messiah s gonna come and set the whole world free.

F# C# Ebm7 B F#
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He looked at me with his evil eye and prophesied. And he really
believed it.

F# Bb7 Ebm7 Bb7 Ebm7
He said a Black Messiah is gonna set the world on fire.
F# C# C#7
And he s no liar, cos he has truly heard the word.
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
Everybody talk about racial equality.
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
But I m the only honky living on an all black street.
F# C# Ebm7 B
They knock me down cos they brown and I white.

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B F#
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saying mine.
F# Bb7 Ebm B F# Bb7 Ebm B
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
Everybody talk about racial equality,
F# Bb7 Ebm7 B
Yeah, everybody talk about equal rights.
F# C# Ebm7
But white s white, black s black and that s that.
B F# C# F#
   And that s the way you should leave it.

F# **Bb7** **Ebm7** **Bb7** **Ebm7**
Don t want no Black Messiah to come and set the world on fire.
F# **C#** **C#7**
A Black Messiah is gonna come and rule the world.
F# **Bb7** **Ebm7** **B**
Everybody got to show a little give and take.
F# **Bb7** **Ebm7** **B**
Everybody got to live with a little less hate.
F# **C#** **Ebm7** **B**
Everybody gotta work it out, we gotta sort it out.

B **F#**
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saying mine.