

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#**
C# **F#**
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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F# **Bb7** **Ebm7** **B** **F#** **Bb7** **Ebm7** **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.

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| F# | Bb7 | Ebm7 | B |
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Everybody got to show a little give and take.

F# Bb7 Ebm7 B

Everybody got to live with a little less hate.

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| F# | C# | Ebm7 | B |
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Everybody gotta work it out, we gotta sort it out.

B **F#**

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