

Black Messiah
The Kinks

Bb **F** **G#** **Eb**
Everybody got the right to speak their mind, so don't shoot me for
saying mine.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody talk about racial equality,

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Cos everybody's equal in the good Lord's eyes.

Eb **Bb** **Cm7**
But if I told you that God was black? What would you think of that?

Eb **Bb** **Eb**
I bet you wouldn't believe it.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
There's a self-made prophet living right next to me,

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
He said the Black Messiah's gonna come and set the whole world free.

Eb **Bb** **Cm7** **G#** **Eb**
Eb
He looked at me with his evil eye and prophesied. And he really
believed it.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G7** **Cm7**
He said a Black Messiah is gonna set the world on fire.

Eb **Bb** **Bb7**
And he's no liar, cos he has truly heard the word.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody talk about racial equality.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
But I'm the only honky living on an all black street.

Eb **Bb** **Cm7** **G#**
They knock me down cos they brown and I white.

Bb **F**
G# **Eb**
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saying mine.

Eb **G7** **Cm** **G#** **Eb** **G7** **Cm** **G#**
Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody talk about racial equality,

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Yeah, everybody talk about equal rights.

Eb **Bb** **Cm7**
But white's white, black's black and that's that.

G# **Eb** **Bb** **Eb**
And that's the way you should leave it.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G7** **Cm7**
Don t want no Black Messiah to come and set the world on fire.

Eb **Bb** **Bb7**
A Black Messiah is gonna come and rule the world.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody got to show a little give and take.

Eb **G7** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody got to live with a little less hate.

Eb **Bb** **Cm7** **G#**
Everybody gotta work it out, we gotta sort it out.

G# **Eb**
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