Black Messiah
The Kinks

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B                  F#                A                           E
Everybody got the right to speak their mind, so don t shoot me for
saying mine.
E         G#7                  C#m7      A
Everybody talk about racial equality,
E                G#7                       C#m7   A
 Cos everybody s equal in the good Lord s eyes.
E                      B                             C#m7
But if I told you that God was black? What would you think of that?
E                    B         E
I bet you wouldn t believe it.

          E                 G#7                   C#m7 A
There s a self-made prophet living right next to me,
            E                     G#7                           C#m7   A
He said the Black Messiah s gonna come and set the whole world free.

E                         B            C#m7        A E
B         E
He looked at me with his evil eye and prophesied.   And he really
believed it.

E         G#7         C#m7   G#7                      C#m7
He said a Black Messiah is gonna set the world on fire.
    E       B          B7
And he s no liar,  cos he has truly heard the word.
E         G#7                  C#m7      A
Everybody talk about racial equality.
            E          G#7                     C#m7     A
But I m the only honky living on an all black street.
E                       B              C#m7      A
They knock me down  cos they brown and I white.

B                  F#
A                            E
Everybody got the right to speak their mind, so don t shoot me for
saying mine.
E G#7 C#m A E G#7 C#m A
E          G#7                  C#m7      A
Everybody talk about racial equality,
E               G#7                C#m7     A
Yeah, everybody talk about equal rights.
E                  B                 C#m7
But white s white, black s black and that s that.
A E                              B         E
   And that s the way you should leave it.
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E G#7 C#m7 G#7 C#m7
Don t want no Black Messiah to come and set the world on fire.
E B B7
A Black Messiah is gonna come and rule the world.
E G#7 C#m7 A
Everybody got to show a little give and take.
E G#7 C#m7 A
Everybody got to live with a little less hate.
E B C#m7 A
Everybody gotta work it out, we gotta sort it out.

A E
Everybody got the right to speak their mind, so don t shoot me for saying mine.