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Who are the ones who gave us this music
who gave us this music

u a " " " " this music we know
who are the ones who " " " "
~~u~~ " " " " "

such a long time ago

On the one hand it was ^{Bartok} ~~Handel~~ and Haydn
~~Johnson and Django Stevie & Monk~~
~~Old English Ballads played~~
Beethoven Bach Mozart ~~Scarlatti~~ ~~Handel~~

On the other hand it was songs of the gypsies
The drunks and the ~~organs~~

Ballads played in the snow
On the other hand ~~it was~~ ~~it was~~

Gospels ~~and~~ jungles and deserts
Unwritten traditions back far as they go
On the other hand it was
spirit ~~and~~ of freedom from

Black slaves resounding

~~a long time ago~~ ~~it was~~ find that freedom now

1st verse

Honour to our European Ancestors

~~The Indians~~ ~~And those who were~~ ~~out~~ Asia Way

Honour to our ~~African~~ African ancestors

It's mainly for them that I sing today

Homage to our African roots and trunk
It's not recorded but it's there just the same
Homage to our African Heritage
It's in us though it has no name
It's not just yours
It created me too
and I'm thanking them
I'm not thanking you
It's in my blood
And in my ~~heart~~ thought too
This ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~and~~ these fingers in proud ~~to~~ ^{to} move
And in proud of the galaxy
And I'm grateful to the family of Mind
That's all of you and all of me
and I'll swing down ^{now} our sidewalks
whistling Afro-Funk ditties
with gratitude to ~~our ancestors~~ ^{ancestors} ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~days~~
while we destroy our cities
where the white ~~one~~ calls the black one black
and the black ~~one~~ calls the white one white
We've got ~~almost identical~~ ^{pretty much the same} ~~background~~ ^{background}
It's like identical twins were ~~fighting~~ ^{fighting} ~~the~~ ~~opposite~~ ^{opposite}
And if you hate white and hate black ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~opposite~~ ^{opposite}
Then we hate our very ^{own} bones
And we've dishonored those who found themselves
On the lines ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the chants ~~and~~ ^{and} bayos. (Ch.)