

# Black, Brown and White (Get Back)

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Intro: D7 C G E7 A7 D7 G A7 G

Verse 1:

G

This little song that I'm singin' about,  
people, you know that it's true  
If you're black and gotta work for livin',  
now, this is what they will say to you,

C7

they says, "If you was white, you'd be alright,  
G

if you was brown, stick around,

D (C#-D) (C#-D)

but if you're black, oh, brother....

G (stop) D7 G D7 G  
get back, get back, get back"

Verse 2:

I was in a place one night,  
they was all havin' fun,  
They was all buyin' beer and wine,  
But they would not sell me none,  
they said, "If you was white, You'd be alright,  
If you was brown, stick around,  
but as you's black, oh, brother, get back...."

Verse 3:

I went to an employment office,  
I got a number and I got in line,  
They called everybody's number,  
but they never did call mine.  
They said, "If you was white, you'd be alright,  
if you was brown, stick around,  
but as you's black, oh, brother, get back..."

Verse 4:

Me and a man workin' side by side,  
this is what it meant  
They was payin' him a dollar an hour,  
and they was payin' me fifty cents.  
They said, "If you was white, you'd be alright,  
If you was brown, stick around,  
but as you's black, oh, brother, get back...."

Verse 5:

I helped win sweet victory,  
with my little plow and hoe  
Now, I want you to tell me, brother,  
what you gonna do 'bout old Jim Crow?  
Now, if you is white, you's alright,  
if you's brown, stick around,  
But if you's black, hmm , brother, get back...