**BLACK BEAUTY**

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VERSE 1

 A B A B

In the hotel lobby (I tried not to stare), a Jamaican lady with coal black hair;

 G A F#

Her skin so smooth, her complexion so fair.

 A B A B

I smiled at her and she winked at me, but we both knew true love could never be;

 G A

Never respected by society.

Bm. G. A. E… Bm. G. A. E… Bm. G. A… E… F#…

VERSE 2

I could tell she was born from a royal line, with the style and class of a vintage wine.

I discovered her room was right across from mine.

CHORUS 1

 Bm G A E

I said, “Pretty baby won’t you let me in?”

 Bm G A E

“I could be your lover; I could be your friend.”

 Bm G A E… F#…
She said, “I know, honey, but you’ll never win.”

A B… A B… A B… A. B. A. B. A D… B… A D… B… G… A… F#…

VERSE 3

We drank champagne and laughed all night. We didn’t believe in love at first sight,

But we kissed in the dark, it was black on white.

A wonderful evening of passion and grace; faded blue denim on satin and lace,

A compliment to the human race.

CHORUS 2

She said, “Pretty baby, why don’t you begin,”

As her sexy smile met my foolish grin?

Ooh, black beauty, was it really a sin?

CHORUS 3

I said, “Pretty baby, take me there again.”

She loved me despite the color of my skin.

Hey, black beauty, did it have to end?

VERSE 4

 A B A B

I’m unable to think, I’m unable to feel. I’d never encountered a love so real.

 G A B. A. D… B… A. D… B… G… A… B… A. D. Bm…

Love that wasn’t just sex appeal.