Grandma's Hands

Gil Scott-Heron

Grandma's hands, clapped in church on Sunday morning
Grandma's hands, played the tambourine so well
Grandma's hand used to issue out a warningShe'd say, "Baby, don't you run so fast
Might fall on a piece of glass, might be snakes there in my grass"Grandma's hands, I'm talkin' 'bout my grandma's hands

Grandma's hands, soothed the local unwed mother
My grandma's hands used to ache sometimes and swellGrandma's hands used to lift her face
And tell her she'd say, "Baby, grandma understands
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Grandma's hands used to hand me a piece of candy Grandma's hands, picked me up each time I fell

Grandma's hands, boy, they really came in handyShe'd say, "Nettie, don't you whip that girl What you wanna spank her for she didn't drop no apple-core"

But I don' have grandma anymore

If I get to Heaven I'll look for grandma's handsI'm talking 'bout my grandma, talking 'bout my grandma, oh yeah

I'm talking 'bout my grandma, I'm talking 'bout my grandma, yeah Grandma, grandma, I'm talking 'bout my grandma

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