

# Afro Angel

## Will Smith (Featuring Dru Hill & Kool Mo Dee)

Here I stand before you  
Brown, color of the mountains, colossal as the earth  
Wrapped so deliciously within my own joy and misery  
Feathers of my wings paralyzed by the distance of my mind  
Here I stand before you, the color of the night  
Frozen by the potential of me, an Afro Angel  
Uh, uh, uh, uh, uh, uh, uh, uh  
Afro Angel off your pedestal from perchin' above  
You on the prowl now, downtown, searchin' for love  
In all the wrong places, outside your radio stations  
Hopin' he with new hit single, is tryin' to mingle  
Today, he is in your town, puttin' it down  
You in the car with your friends, followin' my limo around  
Puttin' a bug in my boy's ear, your 'S' is for free  
You'll do anythin' for Omar or Phil, bring you to me  
And then me, hypnotized by the devil as well  
Hold out my hand as an invitation into my hotel  
No need to RSVP, place your hand in my palm  
As all your girlfriends gettin' jealous, damn she landed the bomb  
Willing to trade your spirit for some crass, whack wage  
Somethin' small, somethin' simple as a pass back stage  
But now I lay me, down to creep  
And I pray the Lord my soul to keep  
Afro Angel, born against the world  
You don't have to sell your soul and throw away your pride  
Afro Angel, sent from Heaven above  
Never forget that you are loved, you know that you are loved  
Uh, uh, uh, uh, uh  
Lil Bobby got a gun now, age fifteen  
Destined to spend his life inside a cage it seems  
Rage inside, pride, been denied respect  
He can't take it though he gotta earn it but he ain't learned that yet  
Out on the town, reckless abandon he's been bullied before  
But now he straps, and no more, attitude high  
Flexin' on every guy that walk by but don't start pal  
'Cuz if the gun came from the whiz, Cowardly Lion, got heart now  
Let's pull it on a stranger, ahh, fun for the crew  
Surprised when he realized, damn dude got one too  
Smile's upside down now, games ain't so cute

Bobby's a deer in a headlights, pump, drop it or I'll shoot  
Then like a sniper, cleanin' his rifle, Bobby disobeys his commands  
One shot rings out then only the stranger stands  
Could of sworn Bobby's blood formed the shape of an angel's wings  
But for what?

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You know you are loved, yeah

Back in high school, Tamika was the sweetest, the bomb  
Hot to death, though in tenth grade a teenage mom  
Knocked up by some thug named Russ in the drug game  
But had the cutest kid you ever seen

Then all the pressure from her mom, she stepped to Russ  
Told him it's either them drugs or us either them thugs or us  
The ultimatum, either continue bein' a thug in the world  
Or start lovin' your girl

And say God, bear me witness, no doubt, lovin' ya dear  
But to go from dollar 50 gees a week to dollar 30 gees a year  
That ain't happenin', I guess he wasn't that strong  
He came back the next week and the whole family was gone  
Yo, they straight moved away, without as little as a word  
Well, needless to say, Russ was a little perturbed

Then in a fury put the pressure on her girlfriend Shawn  
And like a clumsy chef she spilled the beans on where they had gone  
Upstate Schenectady, Tamika answered the door  
It was the last person she expected to be

They just stared, he said, "Do you love me for me?  
You can do without the cars, vacations, and jewelry?"  
"Down with me? Period, through life's stress and strife"  
She said, "Yeah", he said, "In that case would you please be my wife?"

Then like a sign from the sky, the baby cried  
Like an angel sings, I love y'all more than anything  
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