

Celebrating the History of Her-Story

Our story started many centuries ago
With noble monarchs in the kingdom of Africa
Makeda Queen of Sheba, Queen Nefertiti of Egypt
And Queen Nandi of the Zulu Nation, to name a few,
Made their indelible mark in world history
Their strength, resilience and beauty
A lifelong legacy to be found throughout our her-story

When greed and misplaced racial superiority
Cruelly changed the course of history
Enslaved women of colour stood on the block
Not as the royal deities and superior humans they were
But as chattels to be bought, sold, exploited and raped
Their fierce, unparalleled pride and courage
A lifelong legacy to be found throughout our her-story

The yearning for freedom for their generations
Ignited and fuelled a fire in enslaved heroines
Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Freeman and Harriet Tubman
They took on the relentless fight for abolition
Blazing a trail for justice and equality above and underground
With the passion, devotion, and determination that is
A lifelong legacy to be found throughout our her-story

The baton of freedom was passed on
To a new generation of freed women
Reclaiming their place of pride in history
Storming new frontiers and seizing unexpected victories
In politics, medicine, science, law and education
Pursuing goals with ruthless resolution, bequeathing
A lifelong legacy to be found throughout our her-story

Women of colour across the globe
Re-wrote history as their stories were told
Coretta Scott King and Angela Davis were at the forefront
Side by side with Martin and Malcolm, their voices just as bold
Mary Mcleod Bethune, Shirley Chisholm and Marian Wright Edelman
Household names enshrined forever as part of
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Rosa Parks sat down on a bus
So women of colour could stand in Houses of Congress
And in governments as Ministers and Prime Ministers
Hattie McDaniel, Josephine Baker, Lena Horne took to the stage
And the world watched spellbound as mesmerising melanin magic
Brought stories to life on the big screen, creating
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Caribbean women migrated across the Atlantic
With the sole purpose of building a better life
Leaving behind young children they made the sacrifice
And answered the empire's call on a six week Windrush journey
Bringing their skills, talents, ethics and strength to rebuild mother's land
Carving their rightful place in UK history
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Here on UK shores the movement had might
Mary Prince and Phyllis Wheatley, slaves who dared to write
Telling the stories of their journeys from bondage to freedom
Inspiring pioneers such as Mary Seacole, Lilian Bader and Claudia Jones
Who opened doors for Diane Abbott and Baroness Scotland to walk boldly through
And now a new generation is privileged to write their story
A lifelong legacy to continue throughout our her-story

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