I Am A Queen

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You can call me all the names you want And they will continue to hurt me, But nothing hurts me more Than beginning my history with slavery. I am a Queen, who don't fit in your Kingdom! I am unseen, cos I surpass your wisdom. I am mean. cos I refuse to be a victim. I am a dream, of a fair and equal system. My skin's the colour of Ethiopian Soil And the sands of Egyptian deserts, I lived my life and returned to dust Before your civilisation developed. I descend from the lands of Sheba. Egypt, Ethiopia, Kemet or Kerma. Carried across seas to the Caribbean. Shackled, chained, not seen as a human being. I am a Queen, who don't fit in your Kingdom! I am unseen, cos I surpass your wisdom I am mean, cos I refuse to be a victim I am a dream, of a fair and equal system. Not content to enslave my body You destroyed my memory and my legacy Destroyed my cities, burnt down my temples I was made into history's example

As they renamed my Gods and stole my customs Without consent, without discussion Reduced to folklore, muth and legend All I stood for ends I am a Queen, who don't fit in your Kingdom! I am unseen, cos I surpass your wisdom I am mean. cos I refuse to be a victim I am a dream, of a fair and equal system. No Gods or saviours are in my image And its blasphemy to suggest any linkage With my skin and the divine Which surely must be asinine When equality comes from above And God's only image is Love Which comes all shapes and sizes So there cannot be any surprises Knowing

I am a Queen, who don't fit in your Kingdom! I am unseen, cos I surpass your wisdom I am mean, cos I refuse to be a victim I am a dream, of a fair and equal system. I am Eve and I have been, since life begun I am a Queen and we are all One.