

# How I Long

How I long for the day  
When I can share with you the deepest secrets of my heart  
When I can trust you  
Without hesitation or reservation

How I long for the day  
When our relationship makes you take a chance  
And you reveal to me, who you really are  
Even willing to reveal your feelings

How I long for the day  
When I am at ease in your presence  
And when my love freely flows  
Like a mountain stream, created by snow melting in the heat of the sun.

How I long for the day  
When your rhythms are in sync with mine  
Like the sounds of drums beating  
Played by ancestors on star filled nights

How I long for the day  
When our love becomes a work of art  
That moves us out of real time  
Onto the shore of desire, bringing to life the fantasies in our minds.  
And as we ebb and flow, ebb and flow  
I long for the day when we are together

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## **Come Black Man**

Come Black man  
Created in the image of God  
You are so precious to me  
Through sometimes I drive you away  
Please forgive me

Come Black man  
Let me walk by your side  
Beaming on the inside with pride  
As I see you soar  
To places you have not been before

Come Black man  
Sanding above your past  
Come and love your Black Queen  
Tenderly embracing the woman  
In your wildest dream

Come Black man  
Standing dignified and fine  
I want to embrace you inwardly  
With my whole heart, body, soul, and mind  
I long o love you deeply and completely

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## Remember Me

Remember me  
The one that created a home for you  
Your own private retreat  
Allowing you to escape the harsh realities of your world  
A sanctuary filled with laughter and peace  
Orderly and clean  
Fit for a Warrior King

Remember me  
The one that stood by you, supported whatever you would do  
Validated the man you were created to be  
Took pleasure in seeing you lead with dignity and pride  
Recognized the depth of wisdom and knowledge you held inside  
Always encouraging you to soar  
To reach for the places you only dreamed of before

Remember me  
The one that massaged all your tension and stress away  
Your freshly bathed body, wet, drenched in scented oils  
Thought you were on Cloud Nine every other day  
Then in the flickering flames of candlelight  
I listened to your hopes and embraced your dreams  
While not losing sight of my own

Remember me  
The one that loved you deeply  
My unconditional love given to you  
So freely and completely  
Our souls blending together as one heartbeat  
Like the beauty of the sunset  
Where sea and sky meet

Remember me  
The one that always honored and respected you  
No silly games, no tricks, no child's play  
Only blessings filled your day  
Before you go

Stop at the door  
Take some time  
Reflect in your mind  
And consider your wife,  
The awesome treasure you will leave behind

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