

Grandma's Hands

Gil Scott-Heron

Grandma's hands clapped to church on Sunday mornings
Grandma's hands played the tambourine so well
Grandma's hands used to issue out a warning
She say, "Scotty why you run so fast,
Might fall on a piece of glass,
Might be snakes there in that grass?"
Grandma's hands, they keep on calling to me.

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Grandma's hands used to ache sometimes and swell
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But I don't have grandma anymore
When I get to heaven I'll look for grandma's hands.