

## Jesse Jackson

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You were born poor in a black neighborhood  
To a teenage mom, who had a teen mom too  
It was hard times, but you made it through  
You beat racism, poverty, pneumonia too  
Now you're standing tall, we're looking up to you

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(We love) we're proud of you, you, you  
(Yes, we love) Jesse Jackson (so proud)  
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(Yes, we love) Jesse Jackson

I-I-I am somebody  
(How do you know?)  
Jesse, Jesse, Jesse told me!  
I-I-I am somebody  
(How do you know?)  
Jesse, Jesse, Reverend Jesse, he told me so!

You stood with King, when you saw him die  
(Ooh, Jesse) your will to lead must have intensified  
We all felt your pride, that can't be denied  
From city street gangs to farmers on the grain  
You've got support from Mexico to Maine

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(How do you know?), Jesse, Jesse  
I-I-I am somebody  
(How do you know?) Jesse, Jesse (so proud, we love...)

Cannonball called you "the country preacher"  
To the Rainbow Coalition you are a teacher  
We move to your message, you're the consummate speaker  
Your message is love, respect for your brother  
People for people, no fear of each other  
Run for any office your heart may choose  
'Cause we're gonna love you, so you just can't lose

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My name is Dr. Arthur Thomas and I am the president of Central State Univers

ity, a black college in Wilberforce, Ohio; and I want to pay tribute to the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson. Thank you, Jesse, for being courageous enough to challenge America. Thank you, Jesse, for giving us bold leadership and new directions. Thank you, Jesse, for blazing a trail that represents hope for the future. Thank you, Jesse, for letting us know that in order to win this fight, we must unite! Red, yellow, black, brown and white. Thank you, Jesse Louis Jackson. And I also want to let everyone else know, that one of the keys to Jesse Jackson's success is that he attended a black college. The black college let him know, that he was somebody. The black college made him believe in himself. The black college gave him history, hope and heritage. The black college let him see, that he could be anything he wanted to be, even president of the United States of America. So when you think of Jesse Jackson, think of black colleges. Support black colleges. Give to the United Negro College Fund. A mind is a terrible thing to waste!

(We're proud of you...)  
If your mind can perceive it  
And your heart can believe it  
Then you can achieve it...