

# India Arie, I Am Not My Hair

(Talking:)

Is that India.Arie? What happened to her hair? Ha ha ha ha ha  
Dat dad a dat da (4x) Dad a ooh

(Verse 1)

Little girl with the press and curl  
Age eight I got a Jheri curl  
Thirteen I got a relaxer  
I was a source of so much laughter  
At fifteen when it all broke off  
Eighteen and went all natural  
February two thousand and two  
I went and did  
What I had to do  
Because it was time to change my life  
To become the woman that I am inside  
Ninety-seven dreadlock all gone  
I looked in the mirror  
For the first time and saw that HEY....

(Chorus)

I am not my hair  
I am not this skin  
I am not your expectations no no  
I am not my hair  
I ma not this skin  
I am a soul that lives within

(Talking:)

What'd she do to her hair? I don't know it look crazy  
I like it. I might do that.  
Umm I wouldn't go that far. I know .. ha ha ha ha

(Verse 2)

Good hair means curls and waves  
Bad hair means you look like a slave  
At the turn of the century  
Its time for us to redefine who we be  
You can shave it off  
Like a South African beauty  
Or get in on lock  
Like Bob Marley  
You can rock it straight  
Like Oprah Winfrey  
If its not what's on your head  
Its what's underneath and say HEY....

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

(Whoa, whoa, whoa)  
Does the way I wear my hair make me a better person?  
(Whoa, whoa, whoa)  
Does the way I wear my hair make me a better friend? Oooh  
(Whoa, whoa, whoa)  
Does the way I wear my hair determine my integrity?  
(Whoa, whoa, whoa)  
I am expressing my creativity..  
(Whoa, whoa, whoa)

(Verse 3)

Breast Cancer and Chemotherapy  
Took away her crown and glory  
She promised God if she was to survive

She would enjoy everyday of her life ooh  
On national television  
Her diamond eyes are sparkling  
Bald headed like a full moon shining  
Singing out to the whole wide world like HEY...

(Chorus 2x)

(Ad lib)

If I wanna shave it close  
Or if I wanna rock locks  
That don't take a bit away  
From the soul that I got  
Dat da da dat da (4x)  
If I wanna where it braided  
All down my back  
I don't see what wrong with that  
Dat da da dat da (4x)

(Talking:)

Is that India. Arie?  
Ooh look she cut her hair!  
I like that, its kinda PHAT  
I don't know if I could do it.  
But it looks sharp, it looks nice on her  
She got a nice shaped head  
She got an apple head  
I know right?  
It's perfect.