**What Does Juneteenth/Emancipation Day Mean to Us?**

Intro: *Free at Last* Song

Adenkum Summons

Juneteenth Day reminds us

Though we were

Never meant to survive

We have been incarcerated, raped, chopped, shot, hanged

Burned and sold as souvenirs

We are still here

We

Rise

Juneteenth Day reminds us

We are warriors

Survivors

Inventors, Doctors

Artists, Philosophers

Yes, we are

Juneteenth Day beckons us

We cannot forget

Who we are

Where we came from

Ashamed of

Our past

We must know our history

Claim our history

We cannot Disrespect

Africa

Juneteenth Day tells us

We are here

Because they survived

Red hot branding irons

Dark dungeons

The door of no return

The Middle passage

The lash

The harsh plantation life

They were indestructible

Superheroes

Juneteenth Day reminds us

The struggle continues

School-to-prison pipeline is real

Violence on Black bodies is real

Self-hatred is also real

Integration was a Blank check

Incomplete

So now we have the Crown Act

What are we going to do

“Wade in the water”

Our children are our future

Our wealth

Our hope

Emancipation Day calls us to

Raise our children to be Proud

Courageous

Respectful

To have courageous dreams

Hold fast to dreams

Have hope

“They are young, gifted, and Black”

Let’s teach our children about the creativity, wisdom, courage, and brilliance, of our beautiful Ancestors

Let us

Spend TIME with our Children

Nurture them

Share OUR stories

Know THEIR stories

Their friends

The music they listen to

Keep them close

“They are young, gifted, and Black”

Yes, we can

Juneteenth Day urges us

To aspire

Respect each other

Hold each other close

Protect each other

Stand tall with pride

We MUST value our bodies

Our lives

Black Lives Matter

We must

Stay vigilant

Rise

Nothing is possible with fear

Defeat

Death

Brothers, let us cherish and protect our Black women, Sisters

Sisters, let us cherish and protect our Black men Brothers

Work together

We are family

Juneteenth Day charges us

To love ourselves AND Stay beautiful

OUR way

Unapologetically Black

With permission from NO-BODY

We must ACCEPT ourselves

Fight for Black Lives

Fight for our children

Respect our Elders

Be kind to each other

Yes, we can

Beautiful Family

This Juneteenth Day

Let us pause and reflect

Reflect upon our past

Reflect upon our present

Dream courageously for our

Futures

Come

Let us celebrate

Us

Come

Let us Live

Live past 21, 30, 40, 60, 80, 90 years

Come

Let us work together

Come

Come

C-O-M-E!!!

Adenkum Song: *Anoma*

Juneteenth Day

We celebrate US

Our Journeys

We are Proud

Beautiful

Hardworking

Resilient

And courageous people

*Ahwene pa*

Precious beads

Come