

## Scratching the Surface

Quinnette Free

I am Black but at the same time  
I am Boricua, from the islands of Puerto Rico and  
Cuba  
I am Mexican with Mayan blood that runs deep in  
my veins  
I am a Filipina with roots deep in Mindanao and  
Luzon  
I am also a Pacific Islander, where I have Ohana in  
Hawai'i and Aiga in Samoa  
I am Australian, both Aboriginal and True Blue  
I come from the noble blood of the native tribes of  
Africa and North America.  
My people come from many parts of Asia, South  
America, and Europe  
I am a Scot proudly wearing the tartan of the Fraser  
clan  
I am Jewish I am Muslim, I am Christian, I  
am Buddhist, I am a member of the Armenian  
Apostolic Church.  
Covering all four corners of the globe, which extends  
into the heavens  
I am the world of people, ethnicities, races, and  
religions of those who have touched my soul and  
enriched my spirit  
So, to call me Black  
You are just scratching the surface.