

Harlem is a Dance Divine

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**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
Harlem is the body motion sublime!**

Harlem is the best, the worst, the light, and the darkness
Of moving souls whose diverse destinies dance to the drums
Of dreams often deferred, but never destroyed as they
Dip, dart and dive into the endeavors of the divine...

**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
The cultural symbol of wisdom through signs...**

Harlem is dance to the infinitive power times one.
Harlem is the movement of God in an elliptical lean
Nine degrees to right of being while balancing seven
Degrees toward the left and center of creation...

**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
Harlem is syncopated motion in time!**

Harlem is the crown of Black energy through rhythmic
Feet; a twentieth century cool footprint that
Became the hotstep of a world culture...giving birth
To the planet funk...always hip as it hops toward the light...

**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
Harlem is fruit dropping off the vine!**

Harlem is the s#@%!...The essence of a
People whose creative movement is so powerful that
Even their waste continues to fertilize not only a
Hungry society, but also a starving planet as she seeks
To enrich her global culture through the sacred and
Secular dances of the rhythms of life.

**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
...an urban cultural mastermind!**

Harlem is the urban realization of rural dreams
That danced their way into eternity...
Harlem is the urban plantation of the twentieth century
Whose crop of creativity fed an entire nation and then the world.
Harlem is the urban dance of Black America with an African
Soul and a hip-hop beat...the fulfillment of an urban
Prophecy of the global awakening of never-ending dance with new beats.

Harlem was and is an urban prayer for American
Culture in the hopes of what it could be.....
Harlem is hope in motion...people moving in praise
Of almighty God in His and Her infinitive forms whose
60's anthem; "and we were dancin' in the streets,"
became a vision realized in the next millennium as
an entire planet breaks, pops, and locks to a backbeat
...to the blackbeat...to the beat...

**Harlem is a Dance Divine...
Harlem celebrates today three of her Dancing minds!**

Harlem is the best of our dance Heritage that
Has embodied itself through the teachings of Moving
Mothers Three....

Mama Ruth
Mama Marie
And
Mama Dele

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