

## Second Heartbeat

Urthboy

There's nothin' I'm runnin' from  
Tell you where I'm comin' from  
I know where I've been  
I've been with you, you've been with me

Leather-bound diary, faded handwriting  
Great-granddad thought it was a war worth fighting  
He ended up surviving, had a daughter named Dot  
That's my grandma, fell in love and married her boss  
That's my grandpa, had a little hairdressing shop in Lakemba  
First child ninth of December, in the years following the war ending  
A baby boom set in, and now we call 'em boomers (hey mum!)  
You were a straight-laced girl, say what  
Went and got hitched to chain-smoking guys, say what  
I've got a bit of both sides no surprised, say what  
Like you're looking my different coloured eyes, say what  
I got blue from brown and green songs of Donald Byrd the Trumpets  
The came from a thirty-three and a third, maybe they got me  
My memory is a cluster of notes  
Forming a familiar melody I swear that I know

Stress in the mornin', stress in the evenin'  
Stress is what I'm feelin', it's no wonder I ain't breathin'  
Music is my life from before I could breath  
Cause my daddy sang my mommy some melodious keys  
Melodious G, melodiously  
In the end it was the birth of melodious me  
I picked up the tune when I was in the womb  
And I promise I would pride 'em with the songs that I'm doing  
I wonder if they thought that I could change the world  
If I could change the world well I would change myself  
First-borns seem to always know better  
The past is in the future so I get to know better  
Get to breath better, get to dream better  
You paid for my college so I get to eat better  
I saw you in the past working long hours daddy  
I saw mama give dreams so we could be happy  
It's deep like my African lin'age  
I bet you're gonna need an African Minute  
Ode it to the ancestors  
Cause they answer prayers, cause they answer

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The past beats inside of me  
You may not even know  
Things you don't know, somethin' you feel  
Fading like photos, somethin' so real  
It's like there's a second heartbeat  
A light to lead me home  
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Subconscious is monstrous, underneath like the Loch Ness

Never seen but ever present like my blackness  
Puffing out my fro to to check my bestness  
Makin' waves, like the flowing song of my ancestors  
Dig beneath the layers  
Tryna see what they are saying  
Looks like I found a treasure worth displayin'  
I take it down from the shelf  
Shine it up like a diamond, see what it's worth

And I know some things they are forever  
Know some things they hold together  
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