

I cannot blame them.
To ~~Be~~ gladly ~~be~~ called
a Negro in a day like
this takes more
^{moral} courage and sense
than God suffered
^{most} white men to have,
with, ^{perhaps,} whimsical deliberation
(There are so many of us)
He blackened our skins,
laid an affectionate but
heavy finger on our
nose, greatly exaggerated
the curling hair - says
go beloved and I
know He expects

our soul will sur-
vive the compliments
Some