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Hi Deanna,

June Jordan was an incredible woman and an equally incredible writer. Her death was barely covered by American Media.

Thanks for the post.

Roberta Angela Dee

>Excerpt from an article by Loren King

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>"Like her contemporaries Alice Walker and the late Audre Lorde, June  
>Jordan's legacy as an African-American feminist writer combines poetry,  
>journalism, memoir, and political activism. Coming into her own as a  
>writer, scholar and activist at a time when black women sought a  
>stronger voice in the burgeoning feminist movement, Jordan became a role  
>model for a generation of women who came of age during an era when  
>literature was as much a touchstone of politics as community organizing.  
>Author of 26 books and winner of numerous literary prizes, Jordan was  
>professor of African-American studies at the University of California at  
>Berkeley when she died on June 14, at age 65, of breast cancer - the  
>disease that also claimed Lorde.

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>First they said I was too light  
>Then they said I was too dark  
>Then they said I was too different  
>Then they said I was too much the same  
>Then they said I was too young  
>Then they said I was too old  
>Then they said I was too interracial

>Then they said I was too much a nationalist  
>Then they said I was too silly  
>Then they said I was too angry  
>Then they said I was too idealistic  
>Then they said I was too confusing altogether  
>Make up your mind!  
>They said, Are you militant? Or Sweet?  
>Are you vegetarian or meat?  
>Are you straight? Or are you gay?  
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>And I said, Hey! It's not about my mind.  
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>-- "A Short Note To My Very Critical and Well-Beloved Friends and  
>Comrades", June Jordan  
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