

Black Men (always in progress)

i. pianists

The nasty little creole negro, Jelly Roll Morton,
'Ferdinand.'

The derby-topped mustachioed minstrel, Fats Wal-
ler, 'Thomas.'

The wheel Fats Domino 'Antoine,' (before and
after Katrina).

And 'King' Cole (or the "king of coal" as one Dixie deejay joned),
Nat, colluded in the suppression of the drum
in North American culture.

ii. the (only) athlete

Jack
Roosevelt
Robinson, 'Jackie,'
1947, integrated white
baseball a portion of the game
devoted to controlling himself:
grandson of a slave the Negro Leagues

overqualified Branch an experiment: insults,
loneliness, and abuse 'hey boy, come pick
my cotton.' tensions high and
Rachel

in the stands rooting. (Rachel al-
ways rooting) Pee Wee 29 stolen
bases the death of the Ne-
gro Leagues. Star of his
own bio flick

Jack

ie.

C a m p a i g n i n g
for Nixon in 1960.
Derided by Malcolm
X as a 'Tom.' The death of
J a c k i e J r.
Did he really do
more for the Negro

than Martin Luther
King Jr.? Did Malcolm X
really read 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'?

iii.
(charismatic) leaders

Attach those 'Jr.s,' Daddy King.
Martin Luther King, 'Mike.' Silk pajamas. Did he benefit the
negro? did he hate women?

or just Ella Baker?¹ (Izola Curry King'd come into
Birmingham or Albany or Selma in 2 ways. First
way: During the day and with him come front
page Pulitzer winners and other paparazzis. And
then in three days he'd leave—and leave the clean-
up to the foot soldiers. Second : by night with his
crowd of preachers and such. After a plate of
smothered short ribs, mac and cheese, collards,
candied sweets, wanting pussy, King'd say to his
confreres, "Time to go souling."
Lived a thrice charmed life, King did—long as he
lived it.

Malcolm Little, Malcolm X, 'El Hajj Malik El
Shabazz.' (Spike's spooky X?)
Made a lot of claims. Had character. Feared
women.

His mother was a light skinned woman driven mad
by disembodied members on rail lines.

Sister Betty, 'Bahiyah'—that firebombed house in
East Elmhurst, a
twisted prophecy for you. (He impregnated you
between lectures, meetings, hajjes. But you let him
and the nation know you never came.)

Feared women
or felt culpable over the women he claimed he
pimped?
'Detroit Red