

#2 DEFINITION: The Griot

THE GRIOT = rooted in West Africa, a REPOSITORY, a LIVING ARCHIVE . . .

**of ORAL history
the singer, the seeker
the teacher, the preacher
the entertainer, the unchainer
the keeper of our history
the remover of whitewashed mystery**

THE GRIOT = is also the NOW KNOWER

**the present day seed sower
the extemporizer
the synthesizer of current events
sad and merriments
and political commentary
singing the present into legendary**

THE GRIOT = Daughter of Africa

**Daughter of Glorious Gladys
The Daughter of Creatively Odd Todd
I am birthed in my GRIOTNESS**

SO IT IS: THE CONTENT here is of

**MY visions, MY decisions
To sing “what’s going on —
I’ll tell you what’s going on”
. . . in my heart, in my soul**

AND THE FORM here is of

**MY blues = the shape, the color, the flavor
enable and entertain
the joy and pain
blues you can use
so you can feel . . . “what’s going on --
I’ll tell you what’s going on”
. . . in my heart and in my soul**

AMEN, AMEN . . . I am blessed . . .

ASANTE MUNGU (Moon - goo) . . . ASANTE SANA