

**I GOT A HOME IN BARACK**  
**Singin' and Fightin' from Africa to the White House**  
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**With Marion Kent, Piano**  
**The Lakeside Theatre, University of Essex**  
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**Greetings and Welcome.** I am Nigerian, and proud to be so, despite yesterday's headline news about the Nigerian FIFA official apparently falling into a trap set by people pretending to be offering bribes on behalf of Americans wanting to host the 2018 World Cup. He can perhaps be forgiven for not thinking it unusual for Americans (or Brits, as the journalists were) to be offering bribes. Nor must we ourselves fall into the trap of forgetting how stereotyping makes us forget to look into the mirror ourselves. The recent "cash for questions" and "expenses" scandals make us remember how similar we all are to each other, and how we all have work to do to fight corruption, racism and other ills in our society. The people I am honouring today will want us to do just that, and I am pleased to be able to share their stories with you as one of your Black History Month activities. When November comes, however, I hope we will remember that Black History is World History, and that Black History Month is every month. I hope you enjoy the programme.