

Imani

(Faith)

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Pronunciation - **Imani** (i-ma'-nee)

Jah - a name for God. Found in the Bible in Psalms 68:4

Shashamani - (Sha-sha-ma'-nee) - Land set aside in Ethiopia for Africans around the world who wish to come home and settle

Poem

Imani means Faith

He or she who has Faith is great

Have Faith in Jah

Have Faith in the prophets of the past and of the present

Have Faith in the people

Have Faith in the I's self (*yourself*)

Create the ways and means to uplift the African race

Mentally, spiritually, physically and economically

The I sight? (*you see?*)

Seen!! (*I see*)

(Afrikan Call)

Chorus

Imani

Faith

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Come in Nyabinghi

Rap

Imani is Faith

It's time for us to relate, debate

And let the boomin' bass penetrate

Feel the vibes from the Afrikan Drum my son

Hold fast through a calm or storm

And give thanks to Jah and don't prolong

To have Faith in our people and our victorious struggle

Fools try to test me 'cause I'm calm and humble

But I stand firm

Because there's much to learn

About our Culture

Ethiopia, Shashamani

In going there because I got Imani

Chorus

Imani

Faith

(8x)

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