

R.I.P. Abbey Lincoln



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Abbey Lincoln who once sported a dress previously worn by Marilyn Monroe in *The Girl Can't Help It* died yesterday in Manhattan at age 80. Ms. Lincoln sang on and helped shape *We Insist! - Freedom Now Suite* with ex-husband Max Roach in 1960 and found her ultimate inspiration in the civil rights movement. Her 1964 appearance in *Nothing But A Man* was another tribute to the contentious lives of African-Americans battling racism. In 1990 Spike Lee cast her as the mother of Denzel Washington's lead character in *Mo' Better Blues*. She recorded 25 albums with *Abbey Sings Abbey* from 2007 being her last one.