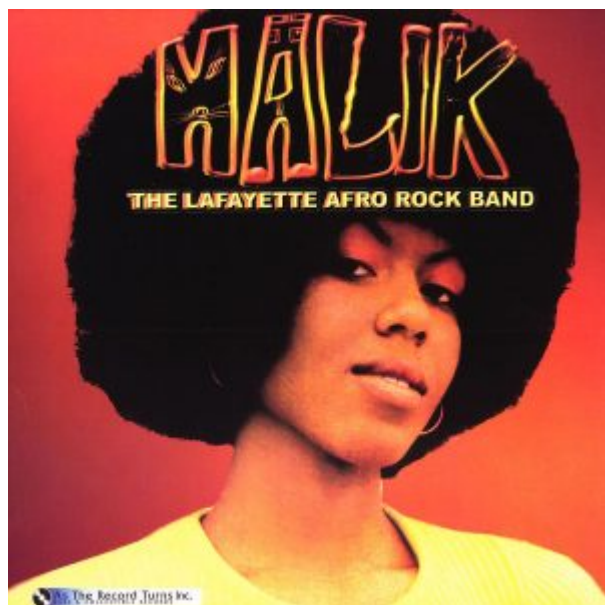


Throwback: The Lafayette Afro Rock Band-Darkest Light



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The Lafayette Afro Rock Band was a group of musicians that formed in 1970 on Roosevelt, Long Island, New York. They were formerly known as Bobby Boy Congress and Ice. A relocation to Paris put them in a position to be the house band at Pierre Jaubert's Parisound studio. *Each Man Makes His Own Destiny* was their debut album to emerge in 1973. But their next two albums *Malik* and *Soul Makossa* are the reasons they are remembered because of "[Hihache](#)" and "Darkest Hour." Both songs have been prodigiously sampled by some of the most important hip-hop and R&B producers. Teddy Riley, LL Cool J and Public Enemy are just a few of the artists that have benefitted from The Lafayette Afro Rock Band sound. In 1975 they worked as the backing band for jazz composer Mal Waldron's *Candy Girl* album. Blues musician Sunnyland Slim also used them as his band for his collaboration album *Depression Blues* around the same time. They recorded under the Lafayette name for a last time for the *Voodounon* EP in 1974 and reverted back to the Ice name for two more albums before permanently breaking-up.