

### Annotations:

- Different ways of greeting > shows meaning/ understanding/ love
- Joyful greetings, all have their own meanings
- “I am made especially aware of the space I am occupying and how I am occupying it”- what does this mean?
- Such a beautiful gesture when people recognize each other's existence
- I agree its an art, individuality and belonging to a community is an art
- The different responses you get are unique and dear to you
- The author shares two people, his father and the black woman who works in the market next to him
- The way of communication is different with different people, it's like you know them differently as a different person.
- **“And I do imagine that it must be something, to be able to decide at what volume, tone, and the tenor you will allow black people to enter your life, for praise or for scolding.”**
- Black music > place to set our emotions, a room of our own
- Kendrick Lamar's To Pimp a Butterfly, “Alright” > arrival of a new song > new historical movement > led by people from all backgrounds: black women, black college students, black queer and trans communities
- reflection of black people in America
- Hope, Reliance, Faith, Freedom = music
- So many songs that brought upon hope, faith, and desire for a change.
- Alright = a song that meets the people where they are and doesn't try to take them away
- **“so many songs from the past promised a new and improved paradise on the horizon, “Alright” promises nothing except the fact that there is pain, and there will be more to come.”**
- revel in the despite it all
- “Alright” is the same magic that exists in the body language of the joyful black greeting > place of healing
- Some people don't want you to exist > will do anything to get rid of you > you will do it under their command
- Your existence is a celebration
- Wish you had spoken to someone, it could have made a difference.