

## **Get Your Lips off My Dress! © 2006 Labeebah Sabree**

I feel good of myself and worship my Lord  
And really of your ignorant words I am bored  
I know a jewel like me is rare  
But don't stare as though I am unaware  
I ask of you to be sincere and fair  
Judge me not by the cover on my face or hair  
There is a person under the clothes I wear  
With feelings, intellect and esteem  
With goals, ambitions and dreams  
It is not at all what it seems  
So please, get your lips off my dress  
Tell me why does it cause you stress  
What I wear is my business  
So get your lips off my dress

Yes..... Get your lips off my dress  
Don't tell me I am oppressed when I know I am not  
A silly argument you've got!  
Let me educate you in case you are for real  
That my clothes are not out for your steal  
Your fashion is not my desire  
You don't dictate to me my attire  
Oah..... so you want to free me  
Forcing me to free me is an irony  
For your eyes simply refuse to see  
That I am walking the earth freely  
Content with my faith and modesty  
Come on now, get your lips off my dress  
Tell me why does it cause you stress  
What I wear is my business  
So get your lips off my dress

Yes..... Get your lips off my dress  
I am hiding my femininity you say  
Rather, I am aware of it night and day  
My body is like my home, while I have nothing to hide  
I have the right to privacy and who sees what's inside  
Not everyone who knocks the door enters therein  
For my faith has guided me from sin  
I respect my body and refuse to be used  
To advertise commodity or other men amuse  
Only those who I am safe with can see  
This beauty that I hide within me  
Natural and feminine with dignity

That's right, get your lips off my dress  
Tell me why does it cause you stress  
What I wear is my business  
So get your lips off my dress

Yes..... Get your lips off my dress  
My hijab is a barrier, next you debate  
The only barrier is the one YOU create  
If I was to call you on a phone  
Send you a fax, email you unknown  
You'd never think it creates separation  
Or that it hinders our communication  
So why this double standard with my veil?  
I just don't wish to be exposed to a strange male  
Simple as that!... so listen up Jack  
If I knock on your door, don't have a heart attack  
Muslim women observe veils..... respect that fact  
Seriously, get your lips off my dress  
Tell me why does it cause you stress  
What I wear is my business  
So get your lips off my dress

Yes..... Get your lips off my dress  
The veil hinders our integration into "society"  
How so? You see us walking and driving in the city  
Going to the bank, shopping at the mall  
We're nursing at the hospitals, Doctors on call  
Business women, teachers, Mothers and all  
Some of us are still studying at university  
The wealthy help the needy and pay charity  
Muslim women in harmony with community  
It is just time you accept the world of diversity  
Ethnocentrism robs you of so much wonder  
Open your mind and allow it to ponder

Meanwhile, Get your lips off my dress  
Tell me why does it cause you stress  
What I wear is my business  
So get your lips off my dress

Yes..... Get your lips off my dress

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