The Secret Songs of Slaves

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Remembering Coretta Scott King

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Coretta Scott King died on Jan. 30, 2006, her life's legacy is very much alive today. She was a civil rights leader, musician, opera singer, poet, actress, and a residential leader. Her influence is still felt today in the lives of those who continue to fight for justice and equality.

Coretta Scott King was a singer, actress, and civil rights leader who was married to Martin Luther King Jr. She was born on April 27, 1927, in Medicaid, Georgia. In 1942, she graduated from Antioch College and went on to earn a degree in music from Atlanta University.

Coretta Scott King was a key figure in the civil rights movement. She was a strong advocate for nonviolence and worked tirelessly to end segregation and discrimination. She was involved in numerous campaigns and protests, including the Freedom Summer campaign of 1964.

In 1968, Coretta Scott King continued her husband's work after he was assassinated in Memphis. She founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, which continues to promote nonviolence and social justice.

Coretta Scott King was a strong voice for social justice and human rights. She was a key figure in the civil rights movement and a powerful advocate for nonviolence. Her legacy continues to inspire people around the world to fight for justice and equality.