

Is It Because I'm Black

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The dark brown shades of my skin only add color to my tears.
That splash against my hollow bones, that rocks my soul.
Looking back over my false dreams that I once knew.
Wondering why my dreams never came true.

Chorus:

Is it because I'm black?
Somebody tell me what can I do..
Something is holding me back, is it because I'm black?
(repeat)

In this world of no pity I was raised in the ghetto of the city
Momma she worked so hard to earn every penny..Oh lord
Something is holding me back
Cause..Is it because I'm black
(repeat)

2nd verse:

Like a child stealing his first piece of candy.
That cost..Even in my corner somewhere I got lost

Something is holding me back..I wonder..Is it because I'm black?
Somebody tell me what I can do.

Bridge:

Will I survive or will I die.
Keep on holding me back
Keep on holding on
Keep on picking on me
Keep on holding me back
Keep on holding on, keep on holding me back
Keep on holding be back, I wonder why you do me like that
But you keep on putting your foot on me
But I've got a break a way, some how, some day,
Cause I wanna be somebody so bad,
So so bad, I wanna be somebody.
I wanna be somebody so bad.
But something is holding me back
Is it because I'm black?
Is because I'm black...is because I'm black
Something is holding me back,
I want diamond rings and things

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