

# Society's Child

## Janis Ian

Come to my door, baby  
Face is clean and shining black as night  
My mother went to answer  
You know that you looked so fineNow, I could understand your tears and your shame  
She called you 'Boy' instead of your name  
When she wouldn't let you inside  
When she turned and said, "But honey, he's not our kind" She says I can't see you any more, baby  
Can't see you anymoreWalk me down to school, baby  
Everybody's acting deaf and blind  
Until they turn and say  
Why don't you stick to your own kindMy teachers all laugh, they smirk and stare  
Cuttin' deep down in our affair  
Preachers of equality, think they believe it  
Then why won't they just let us be? They say I can't see you anymore, baby  
Can't see you anymoreOne of these days I'm gonna stop my listenin'  
Gonna raise my head up high  
One of these days I'm gonna raise my glistenin'  
Wings and flyBut that day will have to wait for awhile  
Baby, I'm only society's child  
When we're older things may change  
But for now this is the way they must remainI say, I can't see you any more, baby  
Can't see you anymore  
No, I don't wanna see you any more, baby

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