

# Shades (feat. Chrisette Michele)

Wale

(Boy)Beautiful (x7)Uh,

Chip on my shoulder big enough to feed Cambodia see I Neva fit into they quotas  
Sneakers wasnt fitting and my knees needed lotion long before I knew the significance of a comb  
I roam like phone with no vocal reception immigrant parents had me feeling like a step kid  
And black Americans Neva did accept me thats why I grab so much when respect dig  
I Neva fit in with them light skins I felt the lighter they was the beta that they life is  
So I resented them and they resented me cheated on light skin, Dominique when we was seventeen  
I figure id hurt her she evidently hurt me and all women who had light features, see  
Id Neva let a light broad hurt me, thats why I strike first and the verse cuts deepChorus

All my light skinned girls to my dark skin brothers

Shades doesnt matter heart makes the lover

Boy youre so beautiful boy youre so beautiful shades doesnt matter heart makes the lover

Boy (beautiful caramel), Boy (beautiful coffeepot) Boy (Beautiful chocolate) Boy (Beautiful toffee) Boy  
(Beautiful pecan) Boy (beautiful licorice) (boy youre so beautiful)Verse 2:

Just another naughty head nigga hoping Wes snipes make my life a bit different

In middle school I had to write to be timid I had beautiful words but girls never listened

Listen, blacker the berry sweeter the powder well im fruit punch concentrate and they water

Walk into my room thinking how to make moves ain thinking like a student but how ice t do it

Light dudes had the girls looking there all year its not fair, the ones with the good hair

Couldnt adapt to naps I wear caps they nap and slept on me man I hate black

Skin tone I wish I could take it back or rearrange my status maybe if I was khaki

Associating light skin with classy the menstrual show showed a me that was not meChorusBlack is beautiful  
but, but ask them beautiful light girls if its black they attract to usually

What if Barack skin was all black truthfully would he be a candidate or just a blackened community because  
black dudes tend to lack unity and them black girls ain on the tube usually

Right Now at 23 I ain mad at them reds no more but for long time I had gone cold in

Blindfolded my own insecurity was holding me back to reds I ain know how to act

They would get the cold shoulder and know it was an act a defense mechanism what I thought that I  
lackedChorus

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