Shoulda Known Better

Janet Jackson

A baby girl without a home
Tragedy's reign left her alone
I guess I shoulda known better
But she's a citizen of the world
A right to life her cry's unheard
I guess I shoulda known better
Why why why why

Part of the revolution
Ready for real solutions
We won't accept excuses
We tolerate no abuses
Cause I don't want my face to be
That poster child for being naive
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Headlines are real or just the news
Between the lines there's human truth
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Each day I'm faced with irony but
Just can't feel casual about casualties no
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It's never the critic that counts
Cause critics only wanna talk
While enlightened minds and open hearts
Together make this world a better place

Awakening a better choice
It only starts if you lift your voice
And say I shoulda known better
And so next time I'll know better
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I had this great epiphany
And rhythm nation was the dream
I guess next time I'll know better