

# I Am / Shades Of Life

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I am black, I am white  
I am all skins in between  
I am young, I am old  
I am each age that has been  
I am scrawny, I am well fed  
I am starving for attention  
I am famous, I am cryptic  
I am hardly worth the mention  
I am short, I am height  
I am any frame or stature  
I am smart, I am challenged  
I am striving for a future

[Chorus:]

The color of sky  
Is blues and grays  
The color of earth  
Is greens and browns  
The color of hope  
Is rainbows and purple  
And the color of peace  
Is people together  
Shades of life  
I am

I am able, I am weak  
I am some strength, I am none  
I am being, I am thought  
I am all things, said and done  
I am born, I am died  
I am dust of humble roots  
I am grace, I am pain  
I am labor of winned fruits  
I am slave, I am free  
I am bonded to my life  
I am rich, I am poor  
I am wealth amid strife

[Repeat Chorus]

I am shadow, I am glory  
I am hiding from my shame  
I am hero, I am loser  
I am yearning for a name  
I am empty, I am proud  
I am seeking my tomorrow  
I am growing, I am fading  
I am hope amid the sorrow  
I am certain, I am doubtful  
I am desperate for solutions  
I am leader, I am student  
I am fate and evolutions

I am spirit, I am voice  
I am memory, not recalled  
I am chance, I am cause  
I am effort blocked and walled

I am hymn, I am heard  
I am reasoned without rhymes  
I am past, I am nearing  
I am present in all times  
I am many, I am no one  
I am seasoned by each being  
I am me, I am you  
I am all-souls now decreeing

[Repeat Chorus]