If All I Was Was Black

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If all I was was black Looking at you, you might look past

All the love I'd give (Got love to give) I've got natural gifts (Got natural gifts) Got perspective (Got perspective) Might make your shift (The way you look at it)

I've got love Got love

If all I did was cry If all that feeling got left behind

I'd worry about you (What's on your mind)
I'd never live my life (Be wasting my time)
Oh, I won't be afraid (I won't be afraid)
If that's how you wanna stay (How you wanna stay)

I've got the love Got love

If all I was was black Don't you wanna know me more than that

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I've got the love, love Got the love And it's time for more to love, ooh Oh, it's time, it's time, yeah, for more love

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I've got the love, love I've got the love And it's time for more to love