

## Is It Because I'm Black

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The dark brown shades of my skin only add color to my tears.  
That splash against my hollow bones, that rocks my soul.  
Looking back over my false dreams that I once knew.  
Wondering why my dreams never came true.

Is it because I'm black?  
Somebody tell me what can I do..  
Something is holding me back, is it because I'm black?  
(2x)

In this world of no pity I was raised in the ghetto of the city  
Momma she worked so hard to earn every penny..Oh lord

Something is holding me back  
Cause..Is it because I'm black  
(2x)

Like a child steeling his first piece of candy.  
That cost..Even in my corner somewhere I got lost  
Something is holding me back..I wonder..Is it because I'm black  
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Somebody tell me what I can do.

Will I survive or will I die.  
Keep on holding me back  
Keep on holding on  
Keep on picking on me  
Keep on holding me back  
Keep on holding on, keep on holding me back  
Keep on holding be back, I wonder why you do me like that  
But you keep on putting your foot on me  
But I've got a break a way, some how, some day,  
Cause I wanna be somebody so bad,  
So so bad, I wanna be somebody.  
I wanna be somebody so bad.  
But something is holding me back  
Is it because I'm black?  
Is because I'm black...is because I'm black  
Something is holding me back,  
I want diamond rings and things