

## 7 Seconds

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Don't see me from a distance  
Don't look at my smile  
And think that I don't know  
What's under and behind me  
I don't want you to look at me and think  
What's in you is in me  
What's in me is to help them  
I assume the reasons that push us to change everything  
I would like us to forget about their color  
So they can try to be optimistic  
Too many views on race that make them desperate  
Let's leave the door wide open  
So they can talk about their pain and joy  
Then we can give them information  
That will bring us all together  
[Chorus:]  
It's not a second  
7 seconds away  
Just as long as I stay  
I'll be waiting  
Nothing can move us, we should be moving  
From the ones who practice wicked charms  
For the son and the stone  
Bad to the bone  
Man is not evil, even when it's born  
And when a child is born into this world  
It has no concept  
The tone the skin is living in  
[chorus]  
There's a million voices  
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To tell you what she should be thinking  
So you better sober up for a second