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(Janis Ian)

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Come to my door, baby  
Face is clean and shining black as night  
My mama went to answer  
You know that you looked so fine  
Now I could understand the tears & the shame  
She called you boy instead of your name  
When she wouldn't let you inside  
When she turned and said  
"But honey, he's not our kind"

She says I can't see you any more, baby  
Can't see you any more

Walk me down to school, baby  
Everybody's acting deaf and blind  
Until they turn and say  
"Why don't you stick to your own kind"  
My teachers all laugh, their smirking stares  
Cutting deep down in our affairs  
Preachers of equality  
Think they believe it  
Then why won't they just let us be?

They say I can't see you any more, baby  
Can't see you any more

One of these days I'm gonna stop my listening  
Gonna raise my head up high  
One of these days I'm gonna raise up  
My glistening wings and fly  
But that day will have to wait for a while  
Baby, I'm only society's child  
When we're older, things may change  
But for now this is the way they must remain

I say I can't see you any more, baby  
Can't see you any more  
No, I don't want to see you any more  
Baby

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